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## PHILADELPHIA LABOR IN BIG DRIVE FOR NEW "DAILY" SUBSCRIBERS

### Specify February 5-11 as Period for Adding to Readers of Labor Daily

#### Lemley, District Agent, Tells of Plans for Reaching Thousands of Workers

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 27.—Local DAILY WORKER Builders today announced new and extensive plans for acquainting the workers with the only national labor daily in the United States. The week of February 5-11 has been designated by them as a period during which efforts will be concentrated for distributing The DAILY WORKER in various sections of the city as a part of a national campaign for 10,000 new readers.

Leo F. Lemley, district agent here stated that special units were being designated to carry out the plans for building the circulation.

Groups are to be chosen for the distribution of thousands of papers in hundreds of shops, factories and working class neighborhoods in Philadelphia. Speakers are to be sent to trade union meetings. Newsstands are to be systematically visited. All stands not now handling the "Daily" are to be urged to put it on sale. Attractive posters will be distributed throughout the whole city with the idea of attracting new readers.

Commenting on the vigorous campaign which Philadelphia militants are instituting in an effort to bring added influence to The DAILY WORKER, Lemley said:

"My personal experience has convinced me that thousands of workers will welcome the news and opinion in our militant labor paper. We aim in this campaign to make The DAILY WORKER known to large numbers. Thousands are certain to continue reading it when they become familiar with its great service in the life of the worker in the day-to-day class struggle."

## CLERKS' PROTEST MEET ON SUNDAY

### Grocery Union in Drive on Right Wing

Over 100 delegates from trade unions affiliated with the United Hebrew Trades have already announced their intention of attending the mass meeting called by the Defense Committee of the Retail Grocery and Dairy Clerks Union, according to an announcement made yesterday.

Many to Attend. A considerable larger number is expected to be present at Webster Hall, 119 East 11th St., at which the meeting is scheduled for 2 p. m. Sunday. Trade unionists and sympathizers from every union in the city are expected to be present to protest against the injunction and strike-breaking activities which have been carried on by the right wing and particularly by the United Hebrew Trades and its secretary Morris Feinstein against the clerk's union.

Hymen Will Speak. The chief speaker will be Louis Hymen, manager of the Joint Board of the Garment Workers, who himself has been one of the leaders of the left wing fight against the Hebrew Trades, the "Forward" group and other union breakers. Announcement was made at the clerk's union headquarters, 117 Second Ave., yesterday that every preparation has been made to insure the success of the meeting.

## R. Saltzman to Speak in Boston Tomorrow

BOSTON, Jan. 27.—R. Saltzman, manager of "The Freiheit," Jewish Communist daily, will speak at a mass meeting called by a conference of Branches 719, 718, 715, 704, 701 of the Workmen's Circle, at Credit Union Hall, 82 Chambers St., tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Boston workers are invited to attend.

WHAT PRICE PROSPERITY? MILWAUKEE, Jan. 27 (FP).—Five thousand vacant houses and apartments listed by Milwaukee real estate men and building and loan associations give President Coolidge's prosperity palaver a phony ring here.

LINDERBERG FOR BOGOTA. CARTAGENA, Colombia, Jan. 27.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh hopped off at 8:20 a. m. today for Bogota, the second stop on his South American itinerary.

# NEW CORINTO STRIKE DEFIES U. S.

## Wage Cuts Strike More Ranks of Textile Workers

### THOUSANDS LEAVE JOBS WHILE UNION HEADS FAIL TO ACT

#### Many Sections of Land Are Affected

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 27.—The end of the sweep of wage slashes in this section has not yet been reached. This is shown by dispatches coming in from all over New England. The Dwight Manufacturing Company of Chicopee is preparing the ground for a wage cut. Notices have been posted that the plant will be shut down for two weeks. This preliminary move affects over 1,000 workers.

In Clinton the Lancaster Mills, employing about 1800 operatives, has posted notices that beginning with the coming Tuesday, the wages of the workers will be cut 10 per cent below the present already low level.

This firm had been employing a large number of women in plants, who have been compelled to work as a partial support of their families. This has necessitated the maintenance of a nursery on the mill premises. Together with the wage slash has come a notice that "the nursery will be abolished, for reasons of economy."

The Mosadnock Mills, of Claremont, N. H., manufacturing bedspreads, has declared to its 500 employees, that due to the cuts by the Amoskeog Manufacturing Company of Man-

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## FALSE TESTIMONY DEMANDED BY U. S.

### 'Skunk,' Cries Attorney in Burns Trial

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Burns-Sinclair defense in the Teapot Dome contempt proceedings announced in court today that they intended to undertake to prove that government counsel had advised the star prosecuting witness, William J. McMullin, the Burns detective who turned government informer, to swear falsely before the grand jury and also to an affidavit which found its way into the court records. This statement was made by George Hoover, attorney for Sinclair, the oil man, who is accused of hiring the Burns Detective Agency to impose an improper surveillance over the Fall-Sinclair oil conspiracy jury.

The various defense attorneys have made demands that past remarks of Assistant District Attorney James O'Leary be stricken. O'Leary had made reference to a skunk in a passage with Charles A. Douglas, Burns lawyer, and had said a statement of Martin Littleton, Sinclair attorney, was "unqualifiedly false."

This action followed the decision to ignore reports that a pretty young woman defense witness had been slugged and robbed in her hotel room by unidentified men.

The investigation, according to the United States attorney, showed no evidence of a crime in spite of the avowal of William Lantz that his wife had been beaten, bound and gagged on Wednesday night.

## UNEMPLOYED FEEL BOSSES' POWER

### Worker Reports Vicious Methods of Cafeteria Combine

Unemployed workers feel not only the pangs of hunger and the lash of need. They must endure also the increased viciousness of the bosses who are ready to take immediate advantage of their strengthened bargaining power. The following letter from an unemployed restaurant worker speaks for itself:

## Go-Between in Oil Graft



Milton E. Everhart, son-in-law of Albert B. Fall, admitted on the stand that Harry F. Sinclair handed him Liberty Bonds worth \$233,000, besides another \$200,000 cash, which went to Fall's credit in return for the Teapot Dome Oil Reserves worth \$800,000,000 which Fall and other Harding-Coolidge cabinet officers handed to Harry F. Sinclair and Doheny, millionaire oil magnates.

## BIG BAZAAR FOR DETROIT WORKERS

DETROIT, Jan. 27.—A huge bazaar for the support of the New Workers' Home will be held here on February 17-18-19. Every effort will be made to provide a fine program. The Ukrainian, the Russian, South Slav, Lithuanian, Jewish, and Scandinavian Chorus, Finnish band, Athletics, Dramatics, professional dancing, singing, and music will be featured.

All comrades of language fractions and sympathetic organizations are urged to attend as well as send articles to the committee as soon as possible.

Tickets will be 50 cents each; \$1.00 for the three days.

## Bomb Officials' Homes in Act of Reprisal

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 27.—The homes of former chief of police Charles C. Fitzmorris, present city comptroller, and William H. Reid, an official during a previous administration of Mayor Thompson were bombed early yesterday morning. Although no information was given out as to the motives of the bombers, the opinion that the favored gangsters of the old regime resented their betrayal when a new administration brought its own set of favorites, was expressed freely in Chicago administration circles.

## Arsenal Protested

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 26.—The storage of high explosives at the government's Raritan Arsenal in Middlesex County is being protested by farmers in the neighborhood of the arsenal. The location of the arsenal so near to the residential districts has been scored as a serious danger in the report of the Port Raritan District Committee to the legislature. It is stated the government is holding out for high bids for the property.

## TRUCKS TAKE AID TO STRIKING PA. MINERS IN HILLS

### 'We'll Fight Like Hell,' Is Promise

By PAT H. TOOHEY. (An account of our experiences while taking several trucks of food and clothing to the striking coal miners.)

PITTSBURG, Penn., Jan. 26. (By Mail).—At six a. m., while it is still dark, some ten or more large trucks lining the curb facing the Fifth Avenue warehouse at the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners Relief Committee, groups of strikers are busy loading the trucks with large cases of food and clothing. All help is volunteer help. Early in the morning the miners come in from the mining towns to accompany the relief trucks to their respective destinations to help with the loading and general work of the Relief Committee. By daybreak I count thirteen large trucks loaded to the top and ready to start to the strike towns.

All trucks bear large signs. They are signs which encourage the miners to fight on. Large red letters on white background "Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners Relief Committee, 611 Penn. Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Defend Union Labor—Down with the Open Shop—Save the Miners' Union—Defend Union Labor—For a Labor Party" (Continued on Page Two)

## POLITICS GROWS IN GRAFT CASE

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Reports are current here that in the Florence E. S. Knapp graft case Gov. Al Smith is seeking a way of "letting Mrs. Knapp down easy" when she faces the grand jury next month on charges of grand larceny and forgery. Gov. Smith is said to have been embarrassed by severe criticism of the civil service commission in the Moreland Act commissioner's report in which the charges against Mrs. Knapp were made public earlier this week. The head of the civil service commission is a Smith-appointed democrat.

## Bosses' Girls Get Gift

ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 27.—A gift of \$1,650,000 was given to Cornell University to build a dormitory for the girl students there, it was learned today. Living expenses and the large tuition charge demanded by this university keeps workers' daughters out of the college.

## BRITISH-U. S. DYE FIGHT.

Suspicion that the British Imperial Chemical Industries is affiliated with the German dye trust has been denied by Sir Harry McGowan, a well-known British financier now in the United States. Nevertheless the rumor persists that the British and German interests have effected a combine to compete with the American dye companies.

## Fled Oil-Graft Quiz



For three years the courts have tried to bring back Robert W. Stewart, president of the Standard Oil Co., of Indiana from Cuba, to tell what he knows about the Liberty Bonds found in the possession of Albert B. Fall, secretary of interior under Harding and Coolidge who quit under fire following revelations which placed the major responsibility for the Teapot Dome oil steal on him.

## SENATE ORDERS PROBE INTO S-4

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The senate has at last ordered a congressional investigation of the S-4 submarine disaster, which cost forty lives.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A "for sale" sign on a plot in Cheverly, Maryland, stands today as a tombstone to lovers' dreams snuffed out in the sinking off Provincetown harbor eight weeks ago of the submarine S-4.

The story was revealed today when Miss Marian De Font, fiancée of Machinist's mate Peder Haaland, who went down with the ill-fated submarine, assented to the sale of the lot.

## Irish Prisoner Flees

DUBLIN, Jan. 25.—James Nugent a wounded political prisoner made a thrilling escape from St. Brigid's Military hospital here. Nugent was in bed in the ward when two armed men entered the room. They helped Nugent into his street clothes, then all three started for the street. A guard aroused by the noises the men made interfered and was met by revolver fire. The frightened guard threw himself on the floor, firing his revolver as Nugent and his escort departed.

## Trenton Drive for Mine Relief Fund

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 27.—A one week drive for miners' relief will start here Tuesday. The Trenton Emergency Committee for Miners' Relief will raise money and clothing for the striking miners of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Colorado. Arrangements for an indoor mass meeting are being made.

## SCHOOL FAKE CHARGED.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 27.—Alleged to have made a business of issuing fake diplomas, Gilbert P. Brown was arrested here today on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

## BERLIN, Jan. 27.—Strong earth tremors were felt at 4 o'clock this morning in Baden, upper Bavaria, the Saar and Northern Switzerland. People were awakened and fled from their homes in panic, but no casualties were reported. The damage was slight.

## THREATEN TIE UP OF MARINE GOODS IN ONLY HARBOR

### Walk Out For Sandino In Spite of Terror

Under the guns of the United States battleships in the harbor, and in the face of the heavy re-enforcements of United States marines thrust out the city, the stevedores of Corinto have again dared to declare a strike in sympathy with the struggle of the Nationalist army under General Augusto Sandino, reports from Managua state.

Detachments of bluejackets and marines have been sprung across the city and are threatening to seize and jail any worker whom they choose to consider suspicious, while special guards have been sent to re-enter the patrol which was established after the former strike at the point where the railroad to Managua crosses the harbor.

The present strike was called when a committee, composed of United States officials and reactionary Nicaraguans, declared that the stevedores were not being enslaved to the United American supplies and equipment to be used against the Nationalists. The stevedores are reported to have walked out unanimously.

The former strike began shortly after the United States marines commenced their invasion of the district of Nueva Segovia controlled by the Nationalist army. A military commission forced a settlement of the strike. (Continued on Page Two)

## TEXAS OIL BLAST KILLS 30 WORKERS

MCCAMEY, Tex., Jan. 27.—At least thirty workers are known dead, and it is feared the death toll may amount to many times that number as the result of an explosion of a gasoline tank on the Gumble Oil and Refining Company's Tank farm near here today. A workman standing on top of the huge drum-like tank was hurled 35 feet into the air. His body was seen fall back into the flames.

## Plot for Chicago Camp Purchased

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 27.—The first Chicago Cooperative Workers' camp has been realized in the purchase of a beautiful tract of land in Wisconsin by the United Workers' Cooperative Association of Chicago. Other and larger cooperative enterprises for workers will follow this first enterprise, the Chicago Cooperative Association announces. With the purchase of the site in Wisconsin the workers of Chicago will be able to enjoy the pleasures of summer in a camp of their own.

## PROVE ARMS SHIPMENT.

GENEVA, Jan. 27.—In spite of the attempt of the league investigator to minimize the importance of the shipment of Italian arms to Hungary in violation of existing treaties, the league investigation clearly proved that the shipments actually took place.

## L. A. IN WAR EXPERIMENT.

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 27.—For fear the feat might be required in war time the navy dirigible Los Angeles this afternoon attempted the unusual performance of trying to land on the flying deck of U. S. S. Saratoga, the Navy's new airplane carrier.

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## ALBERTA LABOR ELECTIONS.

CALGARY, Alta., Jan. 27 (FP).—The Alberta Federation of Labor convened at Calgary resented President Fred J. White and Secretary-Treasurer Elmer E. Roper. Seventy-four delegates attended. The 1928 convention will be held at Lethbridge.

# Trucks Loaded with Food, Clothing Help Striking Miners Keep Up Fight

## HERD STRIKERS' FAMILIES IN FLIMSY SHACKS

### Evictions Grow; Women Children, Cold, Hungry

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Organize the unorganized—Mass picketing—etc.  
The many cases of food for the strikers are purchased directly from the wholesalers, loaded into the relief trucks and sent to the commissaries of the strikers. Now and fresh goods. All of the best brands on the market. The committee states that nothing is too good for the strikers—all efforts are made to secure the best. "For the men, women and children who dare challenge the companies, the best is not too good. Fresh food will give the strikers encouragement, stamina and determination to win.

The many trucks move away in car-avan fashion. Early morning crowds stand and watch the trucks go by, reading the signs which cover the sides of all the trucks. A good method of notifying people there is a strike on and relief is needed.

Three trucks start for the four towns of Mollenauer, Coverdale, Van Voorhis and Vestaburg. These three proceed as a unit and will remain together until the four towns are covered and the relief delivered.

#### Depend on Trucks

We arrive in Mollenauer an hour later with the weather a few degrees below zero. The strikers in Mollenauer have come to consider the Pennsylvania-Ohio trucks as definite and certain as the sun, moon, day or night, as there is always a large crowd on hand at a certain time in the morning to meet the trucks. One striker told me when I asked him were there so many of the strikers and wives out so early waiting for us, we sent no message of our coming. "That doesn't matter, we know the trucks are coming on a certain day and at a certain hour, our people all know that, and no advance word is necessary." So it is that in this little town back in the hills the Relief Committee has become an established institution.

At least three hundred men, wives and children swarm around the truck. A cheer goes up, and they get to work unloading. P. T. Fallon, President of District No. 5 of the M. W. of A. is a member of the Mollenauer local union apparatus in the hands of his henchmen. A rank and file committee of the local union handles the relief. One of the local committee men says "the Pennsylvania-Ohio Committee is doing splendid work for the miners. It stiffens our backbone and gives us courage to fight on when we know you are working so hard to keep us out on strike. The officials of the union have spread reports that your committee is partisan and feeds only friends. If this is so, then we here all wonder why you bother coming to Mollenauer, Van Voorhis, Vestaburg, etc., which are all supposed to be strongholds of the Lewis Administration. This convinces us you are not partisan to your friends but feed all without prejudice."

#### \$2 a Week

"Can we live on two dollars a week, which we get some weeks, not always?" they say. "Next week they will evict us. We must start building the barracks tomorrow. More power to your committee. Sometimes the churches give a little insignificant relief; sometimes the ministers appeal for us, but all form a charitable standpoint. We don't want charity, we want solidarity, and the Relief Committee, its publicity, signs, slogans, etc., stress this very good."

Mollenauer relief will be distributed that afternoon. According to regulations of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Committee it "must be distributed fairly, equally, without discrimination and to satisfaction of all the strikers under your jurisdiction."

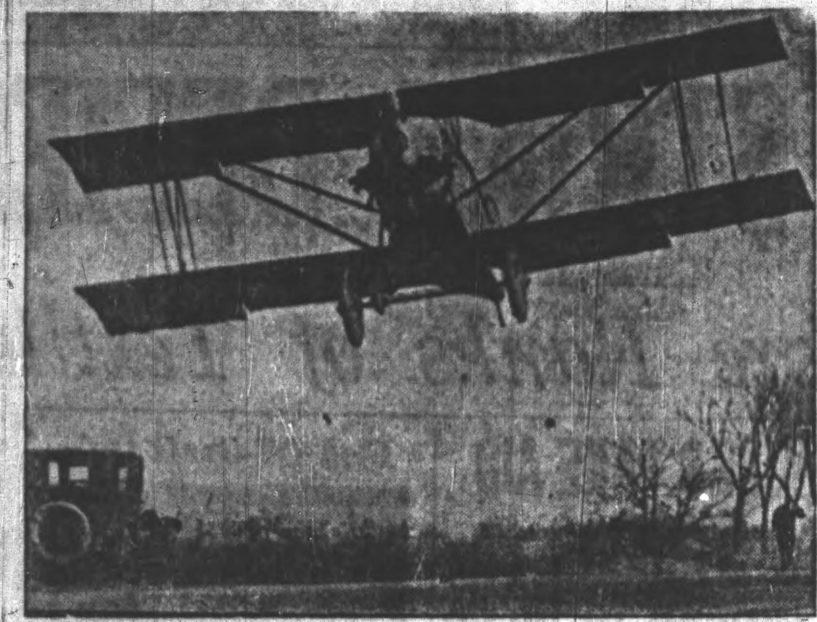
Strikers' Children. The crowd swells around the trucks. Some strikers' children tell us how many scab's kids they "cleaned up on" yesterday and they cry before. One exhibits a cut nose which she claims he is satisfied because the scab's kids got away with a worse scolding than a cut nose. Marks of combat between the union and scab's children, to the union children are more valuable than all the medals of Lindbergh.

A strikers' wife aids the thawing-out process applied to the cold men on the relief trucks by large cups of hot coffee. She is sad because she cannot give us "something to eat" also for she explains that until the relief is distributed coffee is all she has. We hear many stories of brutality of scab's and coal and iron police—of hunger, of suffering, of fortitude.

#### Evictions and Misery

The trucks proceed to Coverdale, most famous of all striking camps, famous for its evictions, shutting off water, companies tearing off roofs of strikers' houses trying to hasten the eviction orders, of unparalleled brutality from the gunmen, etc. Long rows of the famous "barracks" houses

## Chamberlin's Stunt to Lure Youth to Air Service



Clarence Chamberlin, who flew from New York to Germany last summer to boom commercial aviation and at the same time stir the interest of American youth in the air service, is planning a new stunt to "sell" aviation to American youth. He is shown here taking off from a highway near Curtiss Field, L. I., in a small Sperry Messenger plane, as the start of a lecture-aviation tour throught the country.

## NEW STRIKE OF CORINTO DOCKERS

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strike under the guns of the American battleships in the harbor.

General Moncada, the former Liberal leader, who sold out to the Americans in personally accepting the Stimson agreement without consulting Liberal leaders, was despatched by the Americans to settle the Corinto strike. It was believed that the fact that Moncada was a Liberal might have a pacific effect on the strikers.

The present strike threatens to tie up American transport of war materials and may aid in halting the offensive against the Nationalists. The steamship Salvador, with an unloaded cargo, and the United States vessel Salinas with supplies for the marines are idle with no way of discharging their cargoes until strikebreakers can be rushed from the interior or unless the strikers are forced to unload under the American machine guns.

Leaders declare that they will not go into hiding in spite of the threatened terrorism of the American authorities, but will continue to lead the struggle in sympathy with the Nationalist forces. The spirit of the men is reported to be furious and the ferment great thru all sections of the city.

Corinto is the only harbor in Nicaragua capable of receiving ocean-going vessels.

## New Anti-Alien Bill Aims at Deportation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—In a new bill aimed at the foreign born workers of this country, and approved by the House immigration committee, any alien upon completion of a prison term would be deported. This provision would be operative in time of strikes. Arrests for violations of anti-union injunctions would be followed by deportation.

#### NON-STOP FLIGHT ENDS

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 27.—As a result of strong headwinds, Eddie Stinson, Detroit aviator, abandoned an attempted non-stop flight from Tampa, Fla., to Chicago, and came down at Louisville, Ky.

The strikers' barracks are a one board contraption with no tar paper, etc., to keep the wind out, and no coal to be had to keep the barracks warm.

The local union committee is on hand. They also expect the trucks as in Mollenauer. Several scores of miners, poorly clothed, are busy on more barracks. Some sit around a fire warming up over hot coffee for several hours more work. Life in camp is immediately switched from the building of barracks to the coming of relief trucks. Many willing hands begin unloading. A check-up reveals everything in order, all received, all satisfied. Several members of the Ladies' Auxiliary (who are in charge of distribution) report on the situation in Coverdale. "More evictions, more relief needed, children with no shoes, clothes, difficult to get coal to keep barracks warm; union relief coming poor—and all determined to fight like hell."

Coffee in Barracks. The union committee escorts the relief men thru the barracks where more coffee is served. It is impossible to relate the many expressions of gratitude for the relief. The Pennsylvania-Ohio Committee, and the high grade of relief sent out received more compliments than a single article could record.

Thirty miles back into the hills is Van Voorhis. The trucks pass the mine. The picket line is out, so are the gunmen. A large crowd met the truck at the union hall. The local secretary aids in checking off the delivery. "All here, all satisfied." Signs are posted containing the slogans of the Relief Committee. Strikers study the signs and agree. Many boarded

## Dollar Line Charged With Cheating Govt.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Charges that the Dollar Line, owned by Robert Dollar, British born shipping magnate is controlled by British interests while operating from American ports on the Pacific coast, were made in the senate yesterday by Sen. Oddie (Rep., Nev.). The senator also complained that the government was heavily overcharged \$216,000 when the President Grant, a Dollar liner, took a boat load of marines to China last spring "to protect American interests" in that country. The total charge was \$216,000.

The Dollar Line is one of the most brutal and inhuman of shipping companies as far as treatment of seamen is concerned, seamen say, the lowest wages and rate-infested quarters being given the seamen.

## Order Recount in Case of Penn. Election Fraud

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections has ordered a recount of the ballots cast in the Pennsylvania Senatorial Election last November in which William S. Vare, Republican, defeated William E. Wilson. A canvass of ballots in Philadelphia, Allegheny, Luzerne, Delaware, Lackawanna and Schuylkill Counties has been ordered. The Senate Campaign Funds Committee will cooperate with the Privileges and Elections Committee.

## Atom Rediscovered

Scientific conceptions of the atom as a positive particle of electricity with negative particles revolving around it, somewhat similar to a miniature planetary system, were repudiated by Dr. H. Clyde Snook in an address to the New York Electrical Society. Atoms are groups of whirling waves of unknown matter, Dr. Snook said. This conception is due to experiments by Dr. C. J. Davidson and Dr. L. H. Germer, American physicists, stated Dr. Snook.

## Worker Killed

While working on a roof in South Hempstead, Richard Hayes, 2, a house painter, of Linden Ave., Hempstead, fell and fractured his skull, dying shortly afterward. He leaves a wife and two children.

## Quake in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 27.—Great damage to the holdings of poor farmers in the State of Oaxaca was done in the severest earthquake Mexico has experienced for years. No casualties have been reported.

## \$4.25 MINE AID IN TEN MONTHS GIVEN FAMILY

### Need for Outside Help Is Shown

CHICAGO, Jan. 27 (FP).—Two miners from the Ohio fields walked into the Federated Press office to gain publicity for their relief campaign. They were Andrew Woloshyn and Oliver Rigot from the Bellaire subdistrict.

"Why doesn't the United Mine Workers' organization take care of you people?" they were asked.

"My family—wife and three children—have received just \$4.25 in relief from the union in the 10 months of the lockout since April 1," said Woloshyn, "while Rigot and his wife and two boys have drawn \$6 in that time. It isn't that the union does not want to do more, but with 120,000 miners out of work in the Pennsylvania and Ohio districts you can see that outside help is what we must rely on."

The two coal diggers are addressing union meetings in Chicago, seeking donations of money and clothing and food supplies which are distributed through the Ohio-Pennsylvania-Colorado Relief Committee of 23 S. Lincoln St., Chicago. This committee works in cooperation with the national committee at 611 Penn. Ave., Pittsburgh. They are finding good response, they report.

Too Weak to Walk. Starvation in the coal camps has proceeded so far that many of the children in the Hocking Valley district of Ohio are too weak to attend school. In Pennsylvania the federal court has even enjoined some forms of relief distribution. Company gunmen, armed deputy sheriffs and deputy federal marshals swarm over the coal areas of the two states. Two Ohio strikers have been killed by strikebreakers, though the deaths there have not been so numerous as in Colorado.

The Ohio miners accepted the recent invitation of Gov. Donaghey to discuss peace with the operators but the miners state it is useless to work at a scale reduced to the West Virginia open shop basis because the West Virginia mines will then cut their rate still further. The union is standing pat on the Jacksonville scale.

"If other unionists will stand by us, we will yet win," Woloshyn and Rigot say confidently.

## Strike of Iron Workers Is Showing Progress

Announcement was made yesterday by the Architectural Iron, Bronze and Structural Workers' Union that its strike declared Wednesday against the firm, Garmon Iron Works, 59 Davis St., Long Island, has resulted in a complete walkout by the workers employed.

Attention is directed at the same time by the union to the attempt being made by the firm to break the strike by advertising for "scabs" through employment agencies. These agencies offer \$12 per day for any workers who will respond. An appeal is made by the union to all workers to be guided accordingly.

## Milk Graft Proved

The appellate division of the supreme court in Brooklyn today sustained the dismissal of Isidor Merlis, of 770 East Tremont Ave., the Bronx, formerly a health department inspector, by Commissioner Louis I. Harris. Merlis was dismissed July 13, 1926, on a charge of having negotiated for "protection" of dairymen in the sale of "bootleg" adulterated milk and butter.

## Head of Labor-Baiting Bosses' League on Trial



Part of the jury which will try the ten defendants of the Julian Petroleum Company on a charge of over-issuing \$5,000,000 worth of stock in the corporation, defrauding 35,000 stockholders, is shown above. Many union workers were sold stock by right wing officials, acting as agents for Julian.

Julian, originator of the scheme, was head of the Better America Federation, organized by California bosses to keep down the workers' efforts to better their living conditions.

## MORE WAGE CUTS FOR NEW ENGLAND

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chester, and the Pacific Mills of Dover, it too "very reluctantly" must reduce wages 10 per cent, effective Monday.

Other Cuts. A ten per cent wage reduction in the large yarn mills of the McLoughlin Textile Corporation of Utica, N. Y., was announced yesterday by John E. McLoughlin, president of the corporation. This has been done to insure more "remunerative production," he stated. The cut becomes effective Monday.

The Fitchburg Mill and the Orswell Textile Mills, yarn manufacturers, both of Fitchburg, Mass., have posted notices that, beginning with January 30, their workers will be receive 10 per cent less pay than heretofore.

A general wave of resentment bordering on a strike feeling is sweeping over the 100,000 or more workers, whose wages have been cut in the last two or three weeks. While the labor bureaucracy in control of the textile unions, embracing mainly the better paid workers, is doing its utmost to stifle the strike sentiment, it is likely that a widespread strike among the workers may yet develop.

## Liebknicht Memorial Plans Are Completed, Will Include Drama

The annual New York Liebknicht Memorial meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 3, at the Labor Temple Auditorium, 14th Street and 2nd Ave., at 8 p. m. Speakers will include W. W. Weinstone, Leon Platt, Carl Weisberg and a Young Pioneer speaker. The chairman will be John Williamson, Young Workers (Communist) League district organizer. A feature of the meeting will be a play entitled "ROTC," depicting present day efforts at the militarization of the schools. Impressionistic dances will be given. A group of Young Pioneers also will be graduated into the Young Workers League.

## LECTURES AND FORUMS

**THE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE**

AT COOPER UNION (8th St. and Astor Place)  
At 8 o'clock  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th  
**MR. JOHN COWPER POWYS**  
"The Religion of a Man of Letters."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31st  
**DR. E. BOYD BARRETT**  
"The Sub-conscious as Source of Inspiration."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd  
**MR. EVERETT DEAN MARTIN**  
The Psychology of the American Public—"The Poor Man's Country."  
From John Jacob Astor to Henry Ford.

ADMISSION FREE.  
Open Forum Discussion.

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**Muhlenberg Branch Library**  
(209 WEST 23rd STREET)  
At 8 o'clock

MONDAY, JANUARY 30th  
**DR. HELEN B. LOCKWOOD**  
Tools and the Machine—"The New Proclamation of Educational" Unstream. A Story Teller's Story."

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st  
**DR. SCOTT SUCANAN**  
Mathematical Thought—"Calculus From Relations to Functions."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd  
**DR. E. G. SPAULDING**  
Fundamental Philosophical Problems—"Are There Different Ways of Knowing?" With Reference to Wm. P. Bouquie."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th  
**DR. RICHARD P. McKEON**  
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# European Kuomintang Dissolves Organization; to Support Communism

## MOSCOW PROTEST MEETING SCORES RUMANIA REGIME

### Point to Instigation by British Tories

(Special Cable To DAILY WORKER.)  
MOSCOW, Jan. 27.—A protest meeting organized by the League of Bessarabians in connection with the tenth anniversary of the Rumanian occupation of Bessarabia unanimously adopted a resolution violently protesting against the seizure of Bessarabia. The meeting which was held at the Moscow Trade Union house also wired its greeting to the session of the Central Executive Committee of the Moldavian Soviet Republic.

Lunacharsky, Dombal, Kabachiev, Smeral and representatives of the Rumanian Communist Party and the International Red Relief were among the speakers at the meeting.

MOSCOW, Jan. 27.—The Pravda in surveying the results of the ten years occupation of Bessarabia by Rumania says:

"One hundred and fifty-three insurrections in the first four years, and over thirty thousand killed by Rumanian troops and three hundred thousand driven from their homes are the figures which speak most eloquently of the sufferings of the Bessarabian people under the iron heel of the usurpers."

The Pravda declared that the Soviet Union now as before, refuses to recognize the annexation of Bessarabia and proposes a general plebiscite of the whole Rumanian people, which only should determine the fate of the territory.

"But the Rumanian Boyards are afraid of this solution," the Pravda says. "Alarmed by the growing sympathies of the Bessarabian population to the Soviet Union, the Rumanian Government under the inspiration of British imperialism manifests growing tendencies against the Soviet Union."

"But the proletarian revolution will sweep away forever the rotten system of European imperialism, making it impossible for it to bring up tragic problems similar to that of the Bessarabian people."

## DETROIT TO HOLD LIEBKNECHT MEET

DETROIT, Jan. 27.—The Young Workers League of Detroit is busy making arrangements for the largest Liebknecht Memorial Meeting yet seen in the city, to take place on Sunday, February 19, 2:30 p. m. at the New Workers Hall, 1343 E. Ferry Avenue.

An elaborate program is being prepared. The principal speaker will be Sam Don of New York, the new District Organizer of the League. The Pioneers Orchestra will play interesting recitations and dialogues which also feature the meeting.

The meeting will be utilized to start the Young Workers Liebknecht Subscription Campaign. The district has been allotted the quota of 300 subscriptions and \$200 in money. The entire League has been mobilized for action to make the Liebknecht subscription campaign together with the Liebknecht Memorial Meeting a huge success.

All workers, and especially young workers, are invited to attend this meeting. The admission will be cents.

## Luther, Imperial Tool, Loses Essen Candidacy

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—The former chancellor Luther, who twice headed the German government has been denied the candidacy of the Essen electorate although his nomination there was considered sure. The action taken by the local executive committee is reported to be due to Luther's activity in the "revolution" question. Luther recently joined the People's Party and organized the Federation for the Reconstruction of the Empire. He had the active backing of many big industrialists.

## Big Biscuit Companies Fleece Wheat Farmers

By LELAND OLDS (Federated Press).  
Record profits made by the National Biscuit Co. in 1927 help to explain why so small a part of the consumer's dollar reaches the grain farmer. National Biscuit has an unbroken record of expanding profits which suffered no interruption even during the depression years 1920-22. This giant biscuit trust has always paid its owners generous dividends. The 1927 disbursement of \$6 a share represents a cash return of \$42 on each \$100 invested in the original stock. This has been established as the regular annual dividend.

## RAP NANKING TRAITORS "People's Hope is Communist Party"

PARIS (By Mail).—Declaring that the hopes of the people who once turned toward the Kuomintang are now centered in Communism and that the "wreck of the Party of Sun Yat-sen comprises nothing but the murderers of the people," the Ninth Congress of the European section of the Kuomintang has voted to liquidate the organization.

Tracing the history of the Kuomintang from its beginnings thru its betrayal of the revolutionary Nationalist movement the resolution says:

"The imperialists are holding out their hand to the Chinese bourgeoisie, they are defending the same cause the rights of privilege. Revolutionists are hunted in the foreign concessions and are turned over to the executioners by the foreign police."

"The two wings of the bourgeoisie will soon make a united front against the menace which the workers and peasants mean to their domination. Soon the left wing at Hankow will have nothing more to envy the representatives of the right at Nanking. Today the wreck of the party of Sun Yat-sen comprises nothing but murderers of the people, consecrating militarism, pursuing a bloody class war, searching for some formula for agreement which their greed and their lack of principles and their duplicity prevent them from finding."

"In so far as foreign policy is concerned, this means the abandonment of the anti-imperialist struggle. In order to maintain their power they are forced to take up again the old compromise policies of the northern generals and it is safe to assert that without the expeditionary forces of the great powers the Chinese bourgeoisie would have been crushed long ago."

Denouncing Chiang Kai-shek as a traitor, the resolution says:

"At the present time the banner of the Kuomintang has become the banner of betrayal. For the Chinese proletariat it has become the symbol of oppression by the bourgeoisie, to which we oppose the symbol of the power of the workers and peasants."

Answer is Communism.

"Communism alone is capable of furnishing the oppressed masses a clear line of action in the present situation, a revolutionary experience a tactic and an ideology, as well as the support of the class-conscious workers throughout the world."

"Now that the Chinese bourgeoisie is itself practising the class struggle everything requires that we systematize our action; and in order that we may be able to carry our banner forward it has become necessary that the hopes of the people which have been turned towards the Kuomintang center in Communism."

"The Ninth Congress of the European section of the Kuomintang, basing its action upon the considerations which we have developed here, resolves to liquidate our organization in Europe and invite the comrades to unite under a new banner."

## COAL STRIKERS JOIN DEFENSE RUMANIA SEEKING FASCIST TREATY

FREDERICK, Colo., Jan. 27.—Sixty-three striking coal miners in Frederick, Colorado, at a meeting held in January 10th, joined the already active branch of the International Labor Defense. There is great enthusiasm for the work of I. L. D. in the striking regions. When at this meeting the workers were asked whether they wanted to join, all of them indicated their desire to do so.

George Saal, organizer of the I. L. D. in Denver, also reports a large influx of members into the I. L. D. in Denver and other points. A large branch of I. L. D. was organized in Fort Lupton, Colo., a town in the coal strike region.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The discovery of a secret treasure hoard gathered by the Bolivian Jesuits thru the labor of their Indian serfs and hidden at the time of their expulsion from Bolivia, is the object of a new English company capitalized at \$125,000. The hoard is valued at \$60,000,000. Many wealthy Englishmen are reported to be investing in this latest gold brick.

## Convicts Strike For Better Food

ROCKWOOD, Tenn., Jan. 27.—The day shift of convicts consisting of about 200 men, went on strike today in the state mines at Petroc, near here, according to unconfirmed reports. The strike was called to protest against the quality of food served the convicts.

The report said the convicts had barricaded themselves underground. It was not known if they were armed.

## Train Hits Cars

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 27.—Sixty passengers and the crew on the Cleveland Flier of the Wheeling and Lake Erie R. R. escaped death when the train collided with coal cars near here.

## OIL MAGNATE TO MEET CALLES AS MORROW ARRIVES

### Seek New Changes in Laws to Aid U. S.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 27.—President Robert W. Stewart of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, which has extensive interests in this country, will arrive in a few days to confer with President Calles upon the interpretation of the recent amendments to the petroleum laws. Dwight P. Morrow, the United States ambassador, has arranged for the conference. Stewart has been in Havana for some time on business.

Stewart's presence has been desired as a witness by the senate committee in Washington investigating the Sinclair-Fall oil lease scandal.

Dispatches from Havana Thursday night indicated that Stewart might cancel his Mexico City trip and return to Washington immediately to testify regarding the profits of the Continental Trading Company, which was vitally concerned in the dealings between Harry Sinclair and Albert B. Fall, while the latter was secretary of interior. The oil official was quoted as saying he had a "gentleman's agreement" with the committee to return to Washington any time he was wanted.

MERIDA, Yucatan, Mexico, Jan. 27.—Dwight Morrow, United States ambassador to Mexico, arrived here yesterday on his way to Mexico City from the Pan-American conference at Havana. He has left for Mexico City.

## BOBBIES PLAN TO MOW DOWN LABOR NANKING SHUTS GERMAN FIRMS

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The fear of the workers that sits close to every British bourgeois heart has led to the erection of a new stone "pill-box" in Trafalgar Square, a customary place for outdoor labor meetings in London.

The "pill-box" is in the form of a kiosk and is pierced with slits just wide enough to permit the firing of a gun. There are no other windows of any kind. The door is of solid iron.

Inside the outpost is a policeman watching day and night and in direct telephone connection with headquarters. The watcher will command a squad of policemen on guard in the Square at all times. A huge arc lamp has been focussed to light every corner of the Square and assist in the work of police terrorism.

It is estimated that the "pill-box" is virtually impregnable.

## RUMANIA SEEKING FASCIST TREATY

GENEVA, Jan. 27.—The negotiations of a new offensive and defensive alliance between the Italian fascists and the Bratianu regime in Rumanian is forecast as the result of Rumanian Foreign Minister Titulescu's visit to Rome, according to reports from the Italian capital.

There are at present two treaties between the countries, one of "good will" in which the delicate question of the recognition of Rumania's claims to Bessarabia is not even mentioned and one in which either country promises not to join in a treaty inimical to the interests of the other.

The Rumanian government, resting precariously on a ruthless oppression of workers, peasants and minority groups would welcome a binding alliance with the blackshirts, particularly if the alliance recognizes Rumania's claims to Bessarabia. Bessarabia was formerly a part of the old Russia and is seeking union with the U. S. S. R.

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## War Lords Pen in Workers With Barbed Wire



Chinese worker and peasant refugees driven from their homes by the northern militarists are herded into pens at Dairen, awaiting transportation to the interior of Manchuria which Chang Tso-lin is attempting to settle.

## TORTURE WORKERS IN JUGOSLAVIA

BELGRADE, (By Mail).—During the last two months arrests have taken place in Yugoslavia among the workers and especially among young workers. In Belgrade alone over 60 persons were arrested within two weeks. All the prisoners are accused of belonging to the Communist Party and to the Young Communist League.

For the Communists there is in this prison a special "regime." In general they are examined between the hours of 12 and 2 in the night. For such "examination" the prisoner is taken to a special room belonging to the chief of the Belgrade political police, Fimitch, who conducts the examination personally. In this room the prisoner is awaited by three police officials, in addition to Fimitch, provided with fetters, truncheons and thick blankets. First of all the prisoner is requested to report on his work and on the work of his fellow prisoners. After he has refused to comply with this request, a regular inquisition begins. The police fall upon the prisoner; he is compelled to clasp his knee with his fettered hands, and below the knee and above the hands stout sticks are thrust so that the prisoner is almost unable to move. His shoes and stockings are then removed, his head is wrapped round with the blankets to deaden his cries. Thereupon the soles of his feet are beaten savagely until he loses consciousness. The blows are dealt on the soles of the feet, because this causes great pain and does not leave specially deep traces.

When the prisoner again recovers consciousness, the "examination" is resumed. In the morning the "examined" prisoners are taken to a special room, where they "rest" for a day or two, until the worst marks of the torture have disappeared. Such "examinations" are repeated several times in the week.

After the battle, the casualties of which are still unknown, the Praga escaped due to her superior speed. She arrived on Thursday.

As a result of the incident, the Nanking authorities ordered the branches of all German firms in their territory closed and sealed pending investigation.

In spite of protests by Chinese at Manila, that the United States was violating neutrality, customs officials gave the Praga clearance papers about a week ago.

## Former United States Ambassador Will Help Mussolini's Biography

ROME, Jan. 27.—Mussolini's autobiography which is being translated into English will be revised by former United States ambassador Richard Washburn Child before publication, it was learned yesterday.

Child was instrumental in putting the fascist into power. With J. P. Morgan, who was in Italy at the time of the seizure of power by the Black Shirts, he backed Mussolini.

## Japan and Canada to Exchange Envoys Soon

TOKYO, Jan. 27.—Japan and Canada today agreed to exchange diplomatic envoys with probable rankings as ministers. The agreement was made at Canada's request.

It appeared likely today that Japan would nominate for the Canadian post either Hiroshi Saito, consul general at New York; Iyemasa Tokugawa, consul general at Sydney; or M. Hotta, chief of the American-European Bureau of the Foreign Office.

## Cop's Bullet Maims

Permanently lamed by a policeman's stray bullet which struck her ankle, Inez Evans, 29, a beauty parlor worker, of 399 E. 160 Street, the Bronx, has been awarded \$8,740 by the New York board of estimate.



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## FASCIST FACTION HITS MUSSOLINI REVOLT IMMINENT

### Dictator Threatens to Banish "Rebels"

Dissension is bearing to pieces the ranks of the blackshirts and threatening to end their dictatorship in Italy reports from Genoa state. A large section of the fascist party, headed by Roberto Farinacci, former secretary-general of the fascists, and Edmondo Bossoni, acting secretary-general of the fascist "trade unions," are leading the fight that seems about to upset Mussolini's regime.

The actions of the two leaders is said to have united many scattered oppositional groups who have previously been too weak to make headway against the dictator. Farinacci and Bossoni are demanding the restoration of the right of the fascist "unions" to strike and to resist wage cuts. They will demand a strict enforcement of the fascist "labor laws."

Mussolini is prepared to take strong measures against the opposition groups, it is stated, and is threatening to banish the leaders to the Lipari Islands. It is openly questioned, however, whether Mussolini is in a position to do so.

The recent removal of three fascist generals in the province of Cremona, which is reported to be a Farinacci stronghold, is held indicative of the opposition's strength.

A melodrama of Farinacci's "Resurrection" has been forbidden in several Italian towns in an effort to prevent anti-fascist demonstrations.

## Law-maker Jailed

DETROIT, Jan. 27.—Chester A. Good, representative in the state legislature, was sentenced today to from 4 to 15 years in prison for complicity in a burglary.

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# Workers' Unrest Revealed Even by Reading, Penn., City Election Results

## SEE LABOR PARTY FEELING IN MOVE FROM OLD CAMPS

By HERBERT BENJAMIN.  
WHEN the "home-loving citizens"—Democrats, republicans, socialists and independents of Reading—the "best citizens," hearkened to the pleas directed at them by the socialist candidates and elected them to administer the affairs of that city, they intended only to register their protest against increasing burden of city taxes.

"Socialists" Without a Program  
From all indications, this is the only practical interpretation that the successful candidates intend to give in the results of the recent elections. These "socialist" city-fathers-elect frankly declare that they have no program and that they have no policies other than to readjust the assessments on property.  
But to the Honorable Victor Berger, congressman from Milwaukee and chairman of the socialist party, the elections in Reading indicate an "upward trend of the socialist party." In fact, says the chief apostle of social-democratic reformism in America, "The election results in Reading and Buffalo (!) clearly show that we have reached the turn of the road and that America will soon join the worldwide

## Fights Vaccination



Dr. C. H. Reimers, head of the Connecticut Medical Library League, is in charge of the fight being carried on against the efforts of state health officials to enforce compulsory vaccination. State officials claim that a small epidemic of small-pox is abroad in Connecticut.  
movement of western civilized (!) nations and in time lead it."  
Class-conscious, intelligent workers will hardly be inclined to attach such significance to this election and

will most certainly not rejoice with Mr. Berger at the prospect of joining the movement of the western "civilized" (read "capitalist") nations.  
Bosses and Police Support Socialists in Unions.  
Undoubtedly the elections in Reading have some significance and the workers may learn something from them, but only members of the socialist party who are ready to regard the election of Frank Perkins of Buffalo on the republican ticket as victory for the non-existent socialist party of that city will pretend that the election in Reading indicates an upward trend for the bankrupt socialist party in America. Only those "socialists" who can rejoice at the fact that police, employers and reactionary bureaucracy follow a deliberate policy of supporting socialists in the unions against militant left-wingers and Communists, will rejoice with Mr. Berger at the prospect of this country becoming the leader of the movement of western capitalist "civilization."

Reading Campaign Shows S. P. Bankrupt.  
The successful campaign of the socialist party in Reading which resulted in the election of nearly every member and a number of non-members of the socialist party in that city, on the basis of an appeal to "best citizens," to "home-loving citizens" to those for whom "party politics have ceased to be an issue," on the bare issue of taxation, first of all marks the complete, political bankruptcy of whatever remains organizationally of the old socialist party.

S. P. Has No Class Program.  
In an open-shop town, where wages fall far below the average in the country as a whole; in a state where at the very moment of the campaign thousands of workers were being starved, evicted from their homes, brutally beaten and shot by state police, on orders of capitalist class judges and other state authorities; where a reign of terror unequalled for its brutality is being invoked against workers fighting for the most elementary rights; in a country where the exploitation of workers has been developed to a science; in a period when the workers are faced with the imminent danger of a new and most terrible war, directed particularly at the outpost of the world proletariat, the first workers' republic, a political party claiming to represent the workers and calling itself socialist can find not a single word to say on any other issue than the question of taxation—surely no further comment is necessary!

Labor Party Sentiment in Pennsylvania.  
On the other hand, the elections are indicative of the accelerated movement of the workers, away from the domination of the old political parties and towards independent class-political action. The socialist party candidates also run on the labor party ticket (to prevent others from using it, they state).  
Despite the deplorable weakness of the trade unions under the leadership of the socialists, 12 1/2 per cent of all the votes cast for the successful candidates were cast on the labor party ticket. Apparently there were numerous workers (at least 1408) who

wanted to be distinguished from the mere "best citizens!" When one remembers that the socialist party has deliberately sought to prevent the development of a labor party in Reading, has disrupted the splendid party that was organized after the former labor party convention in 1923, and replaced it with a bogus party which is but a tool of the socialist party, it becomes clear that the sentiment which is now becoming widespread all over the state of Pennsylvania for the organization of a real labor party has also penetrated and will find warm support from the workers of Reading as well as elsewhere in the state.  
Why Did Socialists Win in Reading?  
A few words should be said in explanation of the fact that the socialist party with practically no organization or membership was able to conduct successfully even such a campaign as they carried on. There are probably about 70 members on the rolls of the socialist party in Reading. Very few pay dues and even less attend meetings. Among those are a considerable number who are in absolute disagreement with the now dominant policy of the socialist party.

But the socialist party in Reading was able to retain its hold upon a number of enterprises and institutions. A cooperative cigar factory and printing plant have served to provide nests for a few of the members and these are THE socialist party in Reading. Practically all the successful candidates are holding down jobs in either of these enterprises. The cooperative printing plant and liberal advertising by the merchants of the city have made it possible to continue a weekly paper

which has served also as the official organ of the central labor body of the city of which the socialist mayor-elect has been the head for many years.  
The above should be sufficient to show how little the socialist party as a party had to do with the success of the campaign. The particularly brazen methods of the old party politicians in discriminating against the small property owner in favor of the rich; the natural frugality of the "Pennsylvania Dutch" which makes this a good issue; and the job-hunger of the opportunistic and in some cases unprincipled individuals who remain in the Party all combined to make possible this "great socialist victory."

What the Elections Mean.  
It would be a mistake to treat the elections as a matter of no consequence. It gives to Berger, who is very eager to act as father to a "third party," or, as he designates it, a big, strong opposition party founded on principle... irrespective of what name it will use, another success to point to as evidence of the "superiority" of his policy. The Jewish Daily Forward now has a new victory to brag of as a means of bolstering the morale of those who have received very little return of late for their servility to Matthew Woll and company.  
Reading Elections and Labor Party.  
In the effort which the workers must make to launch a mass labor party in the 1928 elections, the socialist party officialdom will try to utilize their Reading "victory" to confuse the masses and to prevent effective action.

It becomes the duty of the Workers (Communist) Party under these circumstances to scrutinize very carefully the policy of the socialist party in Reading as elsewhere.  
We must particularly direct the attention of the workers to the miserable conditions prevailing in the open-shop industries of Reading.  
We must note very carefully the attitude which the socialist party administration will adopt towards efforts to organize the unorganized; in the fight against the injunction; in the broader struggles for a labor party; against imperialism and the war-danger; for protection of the foreign-born, defense of frame-up victims and in all the other vital struggles of the workers.

The record of the socialist party and their action in all these matters should be systematically exposed and criticized. Such exposure is a cardinal duty to the working class.

## Young Comrade Corner

LENIN SAYS TO US.  
Beginning with last Sunday, and continuing thru last week, meetings were held throughout the world in honor of the memory of our great leader, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. To these meetings came the masses of oppressed peoples, who recognized Lenin as their leader, to gather added inspiration from his teachings in order to continue the struggle and bring it to a successful end.

Quite noticeable, and taking an active part at these meetings, besides the adults, were the Pioneers, and other children of workers and poor farmers. For them Lenin has a special significance, and that is why this article is written especially for them.  
Lenin was the greatest leader the workers and farmers of the whole world ever had, next to Karl Marx. Lenin and the Leninist Party (the Bolsheviks) led the Russian Revolution which freed millions of workers and farmers. Lenin formed the Communist International which is the world organization that leads the workers and farmers of the whole world in their fight for freedom against capitalism. Lenin taught the revolutionary workers how to fight.

But Lenin also was the great leader of the working class children. Lenin said: "Organize the children!" He said that the children are a part of the great working class army and must stand side by side with the grown-ups and young workers.

What does Lenin, what do Lenin's teachings tell us, workers' and farmers' children of America to do, today? Here are some of the things:  
1. Stand by the struggle for freedom of the Nicaraguan people! Help defeat American tyranny and American slavery!  
2. Defend the Soviet Union against the capitalist countries of the world who are plotting war against it! Workers' Russia is the motherland of every worker and every worker's child! We must defend it against the American capitalist government!  
3. Stand by the striking miners and their children! Only the solidarity of the working class, their sticking together, can beat the bosses! Remember all workers and farmers are brothers and must help each other.

4. Hate the capitalist government of the country! It is your worst enemy! It is thru the government that you and your parents are kept in slavery and misery! Fight for freedom and a workers' government!  
5. Join the fighting organization of the workers' and farmers' children, the Young Pioneers of America! You cannot fight alone. You must all get together and carry on a common fight! So join your fighting organization!

And for you, Pioneers, Lenin tells the following:  
1. Teach the masses of workers' children! Explain to them why they must fight against capitalism and how they must fight.  
2. Lead the masses of workers' children! Become their leaders in their struggles. The Pioneers must be the most intelligent, the bravest, the most devoted, the most hard-working of all workers' and farmers' children.

3. Organize the masses of the workers' children! Get them to join the Young Pioneers! Build the Pioneers! There are some of the things that Lenin tells us to do. Are we going to follow in Lenin's way? Let's see!

OUR LETTER BOX.  
The City Gave Birth to Our Leader. In a land far away from us, on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, in the city of Simbirsk (now changed to Ulianovsk).

This city on the Volga River is the birth place of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin (Lenin), the protecting father of all working class children. On Moscow street in a small wooden shanty lived the Ulianov family. Now it is no more a wooden shanty—it is the Lenin Museum.

The father of Lenin was a very educated man. He was a teacher, and organized many schools for the poor farmers' children.  
The mother was a physician's daughter, loved and respected by all the farmers in the neighborhood. She was a good piano player and conversed freely in French, German and English. She taught all this to her children. She also taught them to love and appreciate labor.

There were six in the family, three boys, Alexander, Vladimir and Dimitri, and three girls: Olga, Anna and Marie. The children among themselves were good comrades. They were never jealous of one another, always willing to help at play, reading and studying.

Girls and boys would come up to their house to talk and read about the bad conditions of the workers and the farmers.  
From that house, in the city of Simbirsk came Lenin, the father of the United States of Socialist Soviet Republics.

David Berkingoff.

## THE MINER.

By Anna Miskovitch.  
The miner that digs the coal. He makes everybody warm. He gets the smoke and dust. For his health, so he comes home With bad feeling and sore head. He lays down on the couch, And takes a rest. He wakes up and spits dust. As big as a fist. So you think that the miner Could live to a ripe old age? Nobody seems to care for the miner For his breath, for his health, Only for the coal.

## PUZZLE CONTEST.

The answer to last week's puzzle No. 9a is SANDINO. The following have answered correctly:  
John, Bela, Mary, Frank and Zoltan Guiczka all of Bridgeport, Conn.; Rudolph and Joseph Masika of N. Y.; Mary Luka, Barton, Ohio; Theodore and Eugene Folkman, Garwood, N. J.; Elizabeth Park, Penowa, Pa.; Helen Eros, N. Y.; Elizabeth Szebeny, Akron, Ohio; Joseph Essi, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John Bosita, Passaic, N. J.

## MORE ANSWERS TO PUZZLE No. 8a.

Olga E. Rompa, Martinsferry, Ohio; John Sherman, Akron, Ohio; George Parro, jr., Cleveland, Ohio; Emma Parro, Cleveland, Ohio; Marion Kovacs, Perth Amboy, N. J.; Mary Danish, Cleveland, Ohio; Rose Herzog, Bethlehem, Pa.; Charles Kozma, Chicago, Ill.; Mary Luka, Barton, Ohio.

## THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE No. 10a

This week's puzzle is a RHYME puzzle. The answer is the name of a ————-e-all, I don't think that we'll give you a hint this time. Put on your think caps, and let's go—My first letter is in LIBERTY and also in LIFE. My second is at the end of STRUGGLE and also of STRIFE. My third is twice in UNION, and also in STRONG. My fourth is once in RIGHT, but not in WRONG. My fifth is in COMMUNIST, I must confess, My whole is a name for you to guess.

## LENIN MEMORIAL MEET A PARTY ACHIEVEMENT

By BERT MILLER.

WHEN in the face of a long period of attacks upon our Party, in the face of growing unemployment and depression, we are able to mobilize 23,000 workers in Madison Square to demonstrate against war and for Leninism, it is worth considering how this was done and further to draw some lessons from this achievement.

Back of the enthusiasm, and the color of Saturday's demonstration one must see the party machine, the direct motive force behind the meeting. One must realize that the masses came and demonstrated because of the effective distribution of many thousands of leaflets by our party members, in the shops and factories of city, the spread of hundreds of posters at points where workers congregate. Back of the meeting is the ceaseless personal propaganda, carried on from day to day in the factories, and working-class organizations by party members. The meeting is a living tribute to the influence and prestige which our party has won, by its militant leadership and tireless day-to-day activity in the shops, in the unions, fraternal organizations, etc.

The fact that the party was able to produce a dramatic production in which masses of workers participated, a production which stirred deeply the workers assembled, is proof of the fact that our message, the message of Leninism, is penetrating the very life of the workers, is taking on flesh and blood, and that it is taking on such force that it is able to move emotionally as well as intellectually, masses of workers.

One could feel a new sense of class pride and consciousness among the thousands of rank and file workers, who participated in the pageant, and who so effectively expressed the spirit of the events of the Russian Revolution, that it swept the audience by storm.

It is now our task to carry on the work, which we have begun so well.

## Hold Labor Sport Conference

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 27.—On the eve of the Labor Sports Union's second indoor athletic and gymnastic meet to be held on the 28th-29th of January, the Labor Sports Union is calling a conference of delegates from trade unions and other workers' organizations for the purpose of discussing ways and means of organizing labor sports in the trade unions and other workers' organizations.

A need for such a conference has been felt for a long time by the labor movement, and especially the younger element in the trade unions.

Conference Call Issued.  
The call sent out by the Labor Sports Union is as follows:

Call for a Conference for the Promotion of Labor Sports Activity and Organization, issued by the Labor Sports Union of America.  
Dear Brothers:  
In connection with the Second Annual Indoor Athletic and Gymnastic Meet of the Labor Sports Union of America, to be held January 28, 29th, at the Finnish Labor Temple, 5969 14th Street, (near McGraw Avenue) the Labor Sports Union is calling a Conference for the Promotion of Labor Sports Activity and Organization, to be held a day before the meet, Friday, January 27th, at 8:00 p. m. at the Finnish Labor Temple, 5969 14th Street.  
The Labor Sports Union invites all trade unions, sports and workers' or-

## Lewis Men in Miners' Union Get Relief Worker Arrested

By JACK RODGERS.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 27.—Pat Fagan, district president of the U. M. W. A. with headquarters in this city, and follower of the Lenin machine, applauded the action of a magistrate who fined two striking miners of Harwick, Stanley Stornceck and George Hrebar, for soliciting money on the streets for the relief of the destitute union coal diggers and their families. It is believed that the arrests were made at Fagan's instigation.

Several committees of striking miners from local unions in district five, called at the district office to censure Fagan for his alliance with the police against the striking miners. While the miners and their wives and children are on the border of starvation, Fagan is drawing his regular salary from the district treasury.

Officials Luxuriate.  
The striking coal diggers and their families, who are suffering from cold and hunger in the midst of winter are bitterly complaining that John Lewis, president of the international union, is drawing \$12,000 a year and as much more in expenses, with a palatial home in Springfield, Illinois and another in Indianapolis, while the coal diggers who provide his salary live in crude cardboard-like barracks.

The miners believe that Lewis and the members of his machine, like Murray, Kennedy, Fagan and others, could well afford to turn their salaries over to the relief fund during the strike. Instead of doing this, the miners see their reactionary leaders waging war on the best fighters in the union and working hand in hand with the police and the employer's government.  
William Collins, A. F. of L. representative in Pittsburgh, speaking at a dinner in this city a few days ago which was attended by business

The Lenin Memorial Meeting has brought thousands of workers closer to our party. It has demonstrated the power of the party. Our job now is to continue our work with renewed energy, and thereby swell the ranks of our Party with thousands of new proletarian elements as a fitting tribute to our dead leader.

organizations that are interested in the building and promoting of sports and athletic activities among the workers, to participate in this conference by sending one delegate to the conference. If the organization does not meet before the conference, then the executive committee or the president of the organization should appoint the delegate.

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- 3. Unemployment.
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- 5. War.

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## Central R. R. Tries to Recover Compensation From Injured Worker

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 27.—Clarence S. Miller, of Elizabeth, a former Pennsylvania Railroad Engineer, was horribly disfigured about the mouth and face, and had his nasal passages seriously interfered with following an accident in July 1925, when a Central Railroad of New Jersey Locomotive struck him as he stooped over testing his engine.  
In a suit of \$50,000 against the Central Railroad, he was awarded only \$8,000 in Circuit Court here last November. Now the railroad seeks to have this award set aside as too excessive.

## Smoke Tax Grows

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The U. S. government collected \$387,400,000 cigarette tax in 1927, an increase of \$15,750,300 over that of 1926.

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CITIES THROUGHOUT U. S. ANNOUNCE LENIN MEETINGS

Workers Party Leaders Tour Country

In numerous cities throughout the United States plans are going ahead for Lenin Memorial meetings. The largest held thus far was the monster gathering at Madison Square Garden, New York, last Saturday which was attended by 28,000 workers.

Leaders of the Workers (Communist) Party and workers active as scheduled to address many of the meetings, a list of which follows:

- New Jersey: Passaic—Jan. 29, 8 p. m., 27 Dayton Ave. Lishitz, J. O. Bentall and Harvey. Jersey City—Jan. 29, 2 p. m., Ukrainian Hall, 160 Mercer St. Nesh, J. O. Bentall and Platt. Stelton—Jan. 29, 8 p. m., Pennsylvania. Scranton, Jan. 29, 8 p. m., 117 Wyoming Ave., Scranton Social Club, J. S. Foynat.

ORGANIZED LABOR—TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES

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Wretched Wages of Women Office Workers Revealed

By LELAND OLDS, (Fed. Press).

The struggle of white-collar workers to maintain their living standards in the face of high living costs is reflected in the New York state labor commissioner's annual review of office workers' wages.

In the winter of 1918-19 they were forced to meet a 70 per cent increase in the cost of living on wages which had advanced only 26 per cent.

In 1919-20 the cost of living was up 100 per cent compared with 1914 while office wages had advanced about 42 per cent.

WILL TAX WOMEN WORKERS' WAGES

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 27.—The net income of married women employed in industrial pursuits would be subject to a twenty per cent tax, provided their husbands earn in excess of \$20,000 annually, under a bill introduced in the legislature today by Assemblyman Breitenbach, democrat, Kings.

DEMOCRATS FAVOR PLUNKETT SPEECH

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—Certain sections of the democratic party are supporting Rear Admiral Charles P. Plunkett's recent speech for a bigger navy and the warning of war with Great Britain.

HALT SEWER QUIZ, IS PLEA TO COURT

Max D. Steuer, high-priced trial lawyer, yesterday spent nearly an hour trying to convince the full bench of the appellate division of the supreme court that Justice Townsend Seudder should be prevented from continuing the investigation into the \$29,500,000 sewer frauds in Queens.

Try to Find Speaker For Smith Keynote

The nomination of Alfred E. Smith for president on the democratic ticket is assured according to the Tammany boss, George W. Olvany who declared that he is convinced that either Calvin Coolidge or Charles Dawes will be the name on the ballot alongside of the republican eagle.

Supporters of Governor Smith are looking about once more for the proper man to make the keynote address which will rally the democratic presidential convention which will meet in Houston, Texas, on June 28th, to the support of the governor.

Railway Clerks Will Hold Convention at Columbus on May 14

COLUMBUS, O. (FP) Jan. 27.—The triennial convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks will open in Columbus May 14. It is expected to last 1 week, as the number of delegates has been cut 50 per cent by referendum vote.

Hundred Dying Daily From Plague in India

BOMBAY, Jan. 27.—Reports of terrific ravages by the plague and a death toll mounting daily were received here today from Hyderabad, in the presidency of Bombay.

Brumby, Who Failed to Save S-4 Victims, Sent On Imperialist Cruise

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The navy department today relieved Rear Admiral F. H. Brumby from command of salvage operations on the sunken submarine S-4. Captain Ernest King replaced Brumby.

Business Men Would Drive Out Beggars

A demand for the immediate ridance of beggars from the New York City streets was made yesterday by William Deegan, president of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce in letters to Welfare Commissioner Coler and Frank Hedley, president of the I. R. T.

Lehigh Seeks Slice Of Alien Property

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Lehigh Valley Railroad is seeking a slice out of the alien property now in the government's hands as a result of seizure in the World War.

'Fox' Gets New Judge; Asks Intellectual Jury

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 27.—A "super-intellectual" jury to sit in judgment on William Edward Hickman for the kidnaping and murder of 13-year-old Marion Parker, will be sought by the defense.

Bombay Form Union; To Affiliate With A.F.L.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Railboys in Chicago hotels are being organized and will be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, according to an announcement by C. R. Hefferman, secretary of the Railboys Protective Association which has just been organized.

NEGRO WOMAN KILLED

An unidentified, poorly clothed Negro woman was instantly killed by a Ninth Avenue Elevated train at 151st St. yesterday when she fell or jumped from the platform.

FORGERS AND PROGRAMS STRIKERS—INJUNCTIONS THE TRADE UNION PRESS LABOR AND IMPERIALISM

LABOR BANKING SCORES FAILURE

Los Angeles Enterprise Ruled by Capital

By WM. SCHNEIDERMAN. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.—The fight between the Central Labor Council of Los Angeles and a group of bankers for the control of Peoples' National Bank, "labor's" bank, has brought out some illuminating facts.

Labor unions actually hold only 22 per cent of the stock, and the bank in the past two years has been gradually breaking loose from the control of the labor officials.

A few months ago, when efforts were made to bring all of the bank's employees into the Office Workers' Union, President Sheppard expressed himself as follows about his policy: "Our bank is not a labor institution; we cater to the business people of the community, and cannot afford to have an antagonistic policy to our customers; unions make up only a small percentage of our business, and we do not see why we should give them any greater privileges than others."

Sheppard concluded with the statement that in five years time, it might be possible to unionize the clerks in the Peoples' National Bank. In other words, the bank is now bent on a policy to please the "business interests of the community," and those who invested their savings to establish the bank now find they are only "customers." Even the employing of union help is a matter for "five years' consideration."

When progressive delegates in the Central Labor Council raised the question of the advisability of labor banking, they were attacked by the bureaucrats, who assured the delegates that there was no danger of "labor" losing control of the bank, despite the fact that they never had it. Now the final step has been taken to turn the bank over to the bankers.

At the shareholders meeting held Jan. 10, 1928, the mad scramble for obtaining proxy voting power ended with the result that representatives of the Peoples' Mortgage Company and the Lincoln Holding Corporation, who were financed by bankers in buying up shares, obtaining a decisive majority and with it control of the bank. The housecleaning that will take place now will remove the last vestiges of "labor" fiction from the policy of the bank.

Opposition Wins Offices in Amalgamated Loc. 5

A sweeping victory for the united slate was won yesterday in the elections held by Operators' Local 5, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. The candidates were endorsed jointly by the progressive group of the local and a section of the right wing that forms an official opposition to the regime of Abraham Beckerman, manager of the Joint Board.

The election itself had been held in express violation of Beckerman's demand that it be postponed. Fearing that the election would be voided by their higher officials, the membership had decided that the voting be done by machine.

The total votes cast being distributed as follows: B. Jackson, 484; A. Hershkowitz, 463; B. Leder, 462; J. Pollack, 452; R. Gabel, 437; A. Goldstein, 426; H. Bernstein, 426; M. Adler, 368; A. Graff, 392; Philip Wiener, 391; A. Ostrowsky, 390; N. Nenzen, 389; S. Levy, 388; N. Granitz, 383; B. Fleishfarb, 375; H. Cohen, 350; B. Kirsh, 350; J. Wander, 312; J. Rothstein, 312; B. Brown, 309.

Those elected in the canvass workers section were: P. Brand, 285; H. Vreikoff, 275; V. Otero, 269; T. Lentin, 250; J. Krushel, 243. Those chosen are to constitute the new executive board, which in turn will choose from among themselves delegates to the Joint Board.

John D. Denies Death; Plays Golf in South

A rumor that John D. Rockefeller, oil king, was dead, gained rapid circulation in the Wall Street financial district yesterday. Standard Oil officials at 26 Broadway denied the report, and inquiries by worried stock-brokers and bankers to Ormond Beach, Florida, where Rockefeller is sojourning while wrought free, brought the statement that Rockefeller was out playing golf.



J. D. Rockefeller Not Dead Yet

traces of worry was found on the faces of the many thousands of underpaid workers slaving in the financial district.

SCHOOL OFFICERS GRAB BIG WAGES

Teachers Protest Two Dollar Increases

A square deal was demanded by more than 1500 teachers at a protest meeting yesterday. They charged that the non-teaching officials have captured the "spoils" of the salary appropriation for themselves at the expense of the Kindergarten to 6B teachers.

Johanna J. Lindlof, president of the K-6B Association read a list of the actual salary rises the officials plan to pocket and the teachers were aroused by the extreme contrast to the negligible \$2 a week increases over their small salaries.

It Squealed

A photograph of Mayor Walker was broadcast over the radio by Station WEAF of this city. Listeners-in were suddenly astounded by a squeal continuing 90 seconds. At the end of this time the announcer explained that the squeal was the picture of Mayor Walker being sent out on the ether. Walker was recently called a "champion jackanapes" by Prof. T. H. Reed of the University of Michigan, an expert on municipal management.

Many Affairs Arranged To Aid Miners-Relief

The progressive elements of Revere, Mass., participated in a Tag Day last Sunday for miners' relief, the Pennsylvania-Ohio-Colorado Miners' Relief Committee, 799 Broadway, reported yesterday in a general review of activities during the last few days. This followed the formation of the Revere City Committee for Miners' Relief. With only a few volunteers active, a collection of \$55 was made in a few hours.

Arrange Conferences. A number of enlarged conferences are being planned by existing relief committees in this city and other organizations. The Brownsville and East New York Women's Clubs are preparing for a Miners' Relief Conference to be held the latter part of this month. An enlarged conference will be held sometime during February by the Women's Committee for Miners' Relief, and the United Workers' Co-operative Association is considering calling a conference of all co-operative organizations in this city. Co-op Restaurant Helps. The Co-operative Restaurant and Cafeteria, 30 Union Square, has already contributed hundreds of dollars for miners' relief in a very direct manner.

Since relief activity was started in this city about two months ago, three or four striking miners have always been in New York engaged in soliciting aid for their striking brothers, and they have been fed three meals a day by the Co-operative Cafeteria gratis. The actual amount of this contribution, measured by the length of a hungry miner's appetite, is considerable.

Special literature is being prepared by the Miners' Relief Committee, to be used in the Lenin memorial meeting, which will also be an anti-Nicaraguan intervention protest meeting. The relationship of the imperialist drive in Nicaragua and the open show drive in the United States, of which the attempt to break up the miners' union is the initial step, will be brought out.

Hungarians Contribute. The Hungarian Miners' Relief Committee, of 330 E. 72nd St., has made another contribution to the Miners' Relief Committee, in the form of a check for \$175. The Plumbers' Local 463, 2033 Fifth Ave., has sent in its check for \$100. Various anti-fascist

UNEMPLOYMENT IS BAD IN ST. LOUIS; MANY LAID OFF

More Families Depend on Charity

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 27.—More families are dependent on charity for their food and shelter this winter than ever before in the history of the city. The chief reason is that more men and women are out of work in St. Louis than at any time in many years. These are the facts and figures given by officials of the St. Louis Provident Association. This Association is the largest charity organization giving material aid—food, fuel, clothing, money—to needy families in this area.

Jobs were hard to get in St. Louis last winter. Industrial experts and employment agencies note more unemployment than at any time since the depression following the end of the World War.

Applications for relief to charity organizations reached a higher number than ever before. So did the amount of money given out for relief. During December, 1926, the Provident Association gave out \$10,978,000 in relief—the highest amount in 45 years since its existence. For December, 1927, the figure rose to \$16,856,000—an increase of about 50 per cent.

No Jobs. In 1927, saw a rise of 60 per cent in the number of families applying for aid to the Provident Association, as compared with December, 1926. This figure includes only families added to lists of the Association during the months mentioned; they take no account of families receiving aid before December 1st and continuing to receive it during the month. Sixty-two per cent of the families thus reduced to beggary during December, 1927, found themselves in that condition because of the father or other worker was out of a job.

Appeals for Christmas baskets to St. Louis Charity organizations this year numbered 11,500—an increase of 3000 over 1926. Baskets actually given number 6,500—100 more than last Christmas.

These are a sample of how conditions are in St. Louis and vicinity. Trying to get work here is energy uselessly wasted. For over six weeks the writer was looking for a job, any kind of work, but in every factory he entered he heard the same ruddy from the employment boss, "Sorry buddy, no work open, we are laying off our own men."

One of the most active organizations in relief work is the United Council of Working Class Housewives. Members of the various councils throughout the city come in daily with collection lists, voluntary contributions, and bundles of clothing.

This week-end many organizations are running affairs for miners' relief. The National Jewish Co-operative House, 808 Ades Ave., will have a concert and dance Saturday evening. The Czech-Slovak Workers' House, 347 E. 72nd St., will have a similar affair on Sunday and the L. A. C. Club of Bayonne, N. J., will hold a concert the same evening at Jefferson Hall, Bayonne. A rather elaborate program will be presented at the latter place. From New York the hall can be reached by the Hudson Tubes to Journal Square and bus.

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Million Workers Live in New York City Area

New York's new Metropolitan district, which includes all territory within a 40-mile radius of city hall, has 925,000 wage earners, the Merchants Ass'n. figures. These workers earn \$1,400,000,000 annually in wages to produce goods worth \$3,000,000,000. There are 32,000 factories and shops in the area. The population and production of this metropolitan area exceed by a considerable margin the whole of New England.

Lovestone to Debate Patriot on Revolution

Jay Lovestone, executive secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party will debate with George Hiram Mann, of the National Security League at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Pl., Friday, Feb. 24, at 8 o'clock. "Does America Need A Revolution," will be the subject of the debate. Lovestone will take the affirmative position in the discussion, and Mann the negative.

Fight Fare Increase

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 27.—The fight of the Village of Tarrytown, against a twenty cent fare to White Plains will be carried to the Supreme Court, declared the attorney, R. D. Millard. The Public Service Commission recently granted the Third Avenue Railroad Company a twenty-cent fare, to take effect January 29. If the increase is defeated, it is likely that the railroad will abandon the trolley tracks and substitute a bus system.

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# CANNON TO BARE FRAME-UP SYSTEM IN CITIES OF U. S.

## 35 Meetings Booked; First Talk in Pittsburgh

Beginning with a mass meeting in Pittsburgh on February 29, a series of more than 35 meetings throughout the country has already been arranged in the coast-to-coast tour against the frame-up system by James P. Cannon, national secretary of International Labor Defense, a national labor body organized to fight against the persecution and imprisonment of workers for their labor activities and opinions.

The I. L. D. has been in the forefront of the movement for release of all labor prisoners, particularly in the cases of Sacco and Vanzetti, and the recently thwarted frame-up against the two Italian anti-fascist workers, Greco and Carrillo. The announcement of the tour, which is to open a national campaign against the frame-up system, was made from the national office of the organization at 80 East 11th Street.

Enthusiasm has been shown in the tour everywhere, and the indications are that large crowds of workers will greet Cannon. Numerous cities that have not had labor or radical speakers for years have sent in requests that their territory be covered. In addition to the meetings already definitely announced, steps are being taken to include in the tour the dozens of other cities where labor organizations have requested that Cannon be present to speak. In a number of cities, conferences of sections of International Labor Defense are being arranged at which Cannon will speak and aid in the strengthening of the organization's work.

To Visit Mooney, Billings. While in the west, Cannon will make special arrangements to visit such well-known class war prisoners as Tom Mooney, Warren K. Billings, Matt Schmidt and J. B. McNamara at San Quentin and Folsom, California, and the Centralia I. W. W. prisoners at Wadia Walla penitentiary in Washington, who include John Lamb, Eugene Barnett, James McInerney, Bert Bland and others.

The first section of the tour will cover points as far apart as Pittsburgh and Seattle, and San Francisco and Cleveland and Detroit. The following are the meetings that have thus far been definitely arranged, together with the dates:

Wednesday, Feb. 29, Pittsburgh. Thursday, March 1, Cleveland. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 2, 3, and 4, meetings in Detroit. Monday, March 5, Toledo. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 6, 7, 8, and 9, Chicago. Sunday, March 11, Kansas City. Friday, March 16, Omaha. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 18, 19, and 20, Denver and the Colorado strike area. Thursday, March 22, Salt Lake City. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, March 24, 25, and 26, Los Angeles and cities in the vicinity. Wednesday to the following Wednesday, March 28 to April 4, San Francisco and cities in the vicinity. A state-wide California conference will be held during this period.

Includes Many Cities. Friday, April 6, Astoria, Ore. Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8, Portland, Monday, April 9, Tacoma, Washington. Tuesday, April 10, Everett. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 11, 12, 13, and 14, Seattle. Sunday, April 15, Spokane. Monday, April 16, Butte. Tuesday, April 17, Great Falls. Thursday, April 19, Plentywood. Sunday and Monday, April 22, and 23, Minneapolis. Tuesday, April 24, Rochester, Minn. Wednesday, April 25, Duluth. Thursday, April 26, Superior. Friday, April 27, Milwaukee. Saturday, April 28, South Bend, Ind. Sunday, April 29, Chicago. Wednesday, May 2, Waukegan, Ill. Thursday, May 3, Gary, Ind.

The second section of the tour which will follow immediately will include such centers as Newark, Philadelphia, Boston, New York, Washington, D. C., Martins Ferry, Ohio, Rochester, N. Y., Utica, Youngstown, Ohio, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Passaic, Wilmington, Delaware, etc., etc. Those cities still desirous of making an engagement for the tour of Cannon against the frame-up system should write to the national office of the International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

## Farms Totally Run-Down by 1928 Banker Forecasts

How clearly these country bankers appreciate the urgent demand for farm relief is revealed in a letter from a Van Wert, Ohio, banker, published in the Chicago Journal of Commerce. He says:

"From 1921 to date the best farmers as a class have not made 2 percent on the reasonable price of their farms. That means that a majority of the farmers have made nothing. Of course some have thought that they made money, but they have made it at the sacrifice of fertility and rundown buildings. Take an auto trip, as I have done many times, through the middle west and note the sad condition of 9-10 of the buildings on the farms. Then use your imagination and you will be able to picture the rural field in 1938 if we continue in the present rut.

"With the farmer's expenses virtually double what they were in 1914," he continues, "and his income, in many cases, no higher than in 1914, it is a physical impossibility for even the highest class of farmer to keep his farm in good condition. There is only one remedy on earth and that is a larger income from his farming operations. Unless that happens within a few years, the depression of the country will insidiously creep into the cities of America and the suffering in the cities will be much greater than in the country. The creeping process has begun."

## So-called Prosperity To Be Investigated

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—A study of the "changes in economic currents" which brought about the remarkable "prosperity" which Coolidge and his following talk so much about, will be made by a committee selected by Herbert Hoover. More than \$150,000 has been donated by wealthy business men to make a thorough inquiry into how the number of millionaires were doubled in the past year. The status of half a million striking miners and the constantly increasing unemployment were not mentioned.

Secretary Hoover, the probable presidential candidate, has specialized in capitalizing human misery as depicted in Russia and the Mis-

isissippi flood area, and Big Business' prosperity.

In commenting upon the difference between the mock-unemployment conference conducted by Hoover's committee during the Harding administration and the coming "prosperity" investigation, Wesley C. Mitchell, director of the National Bureau of Economic Research made the following statement:

"The purpose of the Harding conference was to learn why things had gone wrong in business following the war. Our work will be to find out why the nation has done so well economically since 1923."

The findings of the report will furnish the basis for the department of commerce "for drawing rules for continued prosperity in the future," said Mitchell.

DUSOLINA GIANNINI



The noted soprano will give her only local recital of the season next Wednesday night at Carnegie Hall.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 6, 7, 8, and 9, Chicago. Sunday, March 11, Kansas City. Friday, March 16, Omaha. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 18, 19, and 20, Denver and the Colorado strike area. Thursday, March 22, Salt Lake City. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, March 24, 25, and 26, Los Angeles and cities in the vicinity. Wednesday to the following Wednesday, March 28 to April 4, San Francisco and cities in the vicinity. A state-wide California conference will be held during this period.

Includes Many Cities. Friday, April 6, Astoria, Ore. Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8, Portland, Monday, April 9, Tacoma, Washington. Tuesday, April 10, Everett. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 11, 12, 13, and 14, Seattle. Sunday, April 15, Spokane. Monday, April 16, Butte. Tuesday, April 17, Great Falls. Thursday, April 19, Plentywood. Sunday and Monday, April 22, and 23, Minneapolis. Tuesday, April 24, Rochester, Minn. Wednesday, April 25, Duluth. Thursday, April 26, Superior. Friday, April 27, Milwaukee. Saturday, April 28, South Bend, Ind. Sunday, April 29, Chicago. Wednesday, May 2, Waukegan, Ill. Thursday, May 3, Gary, Ind.

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## For More Speed

An attempt to establish a new sea-plane speed record will be made in England in March. A speed of 302 miles an hour is needed to qualify.

## The New Plays

"STRANGE INTERLUDE," a drama by Eugene O'Neill will open at the John Golden Theatre, Monday night, presented by the Theatre Guild. In the cast are Lynn Fontanne, Glenn Anders, Tom Powers, Earle Larimore, Helen Westley, Ethel Westley and Philip Leigh.

"THE OPTIMISTS," will open at the Century Roof Theatre Monday evening. The cast includes George Hassell, Luella Gear, Fred Hillebrand and Bobby Watson. Melville Gideon, who wrote the score will appear in the revue. Clifford Grey and Greatrex Newman wrote the lyrics and sketches.

"THE MADCAP," a musical comedy, at the Royale Tuesday with Mitt as the star. The supporting cast includes Sydney Greenstreet, Harry Puck, Marie Payne and Charlie Syber, and Gladys Unger made the adaptation from a screen comedy. Clifford Grey wrote the lyrics, Maurice Rubens composed the score.

"SALVATION," a new play by Sidney Howard and Charles MacArthur, at the Empire Theatre Tuesday evening, with Pauline Lord starred.

"LA GRINGO," by Tom Cushing, at the Little Theatre Wednesday night with Claudette Colbert in the leading role.

"PARISIANA," a revue, opens Thursday night at the Edith Totten Theatre. Vincent Valentine is responsible for the production, which will have Barbara Barendess, Olive May, and the Raycoll Sisters and Kola in the cast.

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# DRAMA

## "Cock Robin" Very Amusing

Philip Barry and Elmer Rice Collaborate on New Play at 48th St. Theatre

A new amusing mystery play called "Cock Robin" is now playing at the 48th St. Theatre. According to all indications it will be a hit. It was written by Philip Barry and Elmer Rice, who are not unknown on Broadway.

The play concerns an amateur theatrical group which produces a play for charity. During the play one of the actors is killed. Then the fun begins. While built along the conventional pattern of mystery plays, it is always entertaining, occasionally bringing in a new twist. It follows the new spirit of plays in this category which puts the humor in the forefront. In fact, in the last act where the mystery is solved, the show lags due to the absence of opportunity for laughs on the part of the cash customers.

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## Dos Passos Writes on Garlin's Letter

Editor, DAILY WORKER: Regarding Sender Garlin's letter. "I don't see any reason for any of these regrets. It's always a good thing for people to get sore enough to say what they think. And if the New Playwrights Theatre expects to swim to fame on a great wave of soft soap, I for one have no interest in it."

"I'm afraid I did not make myself quite clear in my last letter. What I objected to in his criticism was not that it was unfavorable, but that it seemed to me to be written from the same angle as those in the capitalist press, the angle of contemporary Broadway 'realism.' This may be an oversubtle distinction, but in a moment of transition between two different sets of ideologies, I think it is an important one. Mr. Buchwald's write-up of 'The Centuries,' in the Freiheit last month, though less favorable than your write-up of 'The International,' seemed to me an excellent example of the sort of criticism I personally approve of. I don't feel that you looked carefully enough into the aims of the production before setting down your opinion as to the results. In fact I feel that all the write-ups in the DAILY WORKER suffer from the same superficiality. That doesn't mean that I class you people any lower than the rest of the press. Quite the opposite. It just means that criticism as an art or a science does not exist in New York today."

"Let me add that this letter and its predecessor are the expression of my own opinions, and not of those of the Board of Directors of the New Playwrights Theatre. I thought it was generally known that the directors did not pretend unity of opinion in any matter except in the choice of plays."

"The reason I am insisting so heavily on my attitude is that I think that the theatre and the movies are at the present time the only arts that are socially and politically important, and that it's up to the DAILY WORKER, and every other organ pledged to revolutionary ideas to take them darn seriously."

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## MUSIC BY WAVE OF THE HAND



Music came from the instrument pictured above when Leon Theremin, its inventor, waved his hand before the device in a demonstration given here this week. The young Russian inventor will give a concert demonstration Tuesday night at the Metropolitan Opera House.

LYNN FONTANNE



Will play an important role in "Strange Interlude," the new Eugene O'Neill drama, opening Monday night at the Golden Theatre.

ture in Italian style in G-major. Beethoven's Symphony No. 4, the two Honeger works, and Respighi's Pines of Rome. The program will be repeated at Carnegie Hall on Sunday afternoon, February 5.

The second Children's Concert, under the direction of Ernest Schelling, will take place next Sunday morning. The program will be drawn from works of Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Moussorgsky, Schumann, Rimsky-Korsakoff, and Ippolitoff-Ivanoff.

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# I DRIVE A CAB" --- A NEW YORK TAXI MAN'S TRUE STORY OF SERVITUDE

By A. C.

It looked like a cinch! Big money in it! Sitting behind the wheel of a taxi, cow-boys people around town. These New York hackmen seemed to have lots of time to spend gabbing in coffee-pots, or knocking ivory balls around in pool rooms. No red tape about references in getting a job. All a fellow has to do is learn to run a car, get the hack and chauffeur's licenses, take his pick of cab in any garage near home, turn on the switch, step on it—and out on the street cruising for pick-ups. Nothing to it!

The largest and scabbiest cab company in the city, the Yellow Taxi Corporation, holding most railway, ferry and hotel concessions, about a year and a half ago, operated a free driving school in a desperate effort to get enough cow-boys to man all its hacks.

So I signed up for the ten days of learning to shift gears on a wheezy old instruction cab. School—and the guerrilla instructor seated alongside me with an iron jack-handle to crack the hand or leg that made a mistake. "Clutch—first, second, high, neutral,

Right turn, left, reverse—stick out that hand, dumbbell! Roll up against the curb—easy, good, the curb, not the building! Quick, snap! Step on it—don't stall her, snappy now—Christ! If you ain't a dumb nut! Stalled again!" Learning to drive was lots of fun!

**More Bad "Breaks."**

The toughest part, breaking in, was over. So I figured when I got the chauffeur license. Now for the keys to that adventure chariot—the hack book and badge and I'd be "sitting pretty." It was winter. Jobs were hard to get. I must have been sitting so pretty that the hack bureau police figured me too pretty to disturb. So they let me sit three months before granting my application. And that line shivering before the precinct doors at West 20th Street, close to the Hudson, blowing like the bellows of hell!

What a pleasure it was lining up for five days from dawn to dark, before I got inside, the coppers either snarling at you or pushing you back in line when the press was too great and that devil of an icy wind cutting

through to the bone! Didn't we have fun!

After I crashed in a horse doctor striped me below the waist, cracked wise and OK'd me physically. The head clerk peddled me. The lower clerk took the finger prints and the lowest clerk slipped me a hack book, badge and large card. In one corner of the card was a convict mug of me and the number with the full name. In the center this recommendation to the general run of drivers to the trusting public:

"Notice to passengers: Keep a record of above name and number of this card. This is a photograph of the authorized driver. If another person is driving this cab notify a policeman. This card must be placed in a conspicuous place in the cab at all times. Failure to do so means revocation of license."

George McLaughlin, Police Commissioner.

**Pictures Good Old Days.**

In the days before pictures and police control, a driver knew who registered a complaint and the reasons for doing so. It was considered tough to cough up a saw buck (\$10) fine in

case of a bum break with the decision. But the good old days when the complainant might have a right cross to the chin to add to his complaint are dead as the swinging saloon doors which spun many a good customer into the arms of the waiting hackey.

Today you don't stand a chance before the commissioner. You're licked before you explain. Almost any offense from insulting a fare (who does abuse the driver and gets away with it) to refusing a call (when there may be plenty of reason to) means "bye bye, hack badge."

This is the picture inside the cab. A convenience to anyone so minded to get, without argument or knowledge of the driver, his number and name and turn him in via letter. Independence of cab drivers? Hell, they don't stand a chance with prejudiced one-man dictator control running the hack bureau now.

**Hell On All Sides.**

And you catch hell from all sides. One guy must make a train—"Step on it, Johnny, good tip if you make it." Good tip if you make it—and doing so get nabbed by a speed cop.

\$25 worth tip, a week's wage and the passenger is "so sorry" you get the ticket.

The nervous old lady riding home from shopping is "nervous, driver, nervous, please drive slowly." So you crawl through traffic—clock registering little for the time lost and the old girl gets out and says, "Thank you," and skumps you, no tip.

The best hour of the night, 10:30 to 11:30, when the shows break, Broadway is kept clear of all empty cruising taxis. You pull your arms out and push a leg off chiselling to cut into Broadway (and some loads are no feathers to push around) but traffic must be kept clear—for High Hat and the Mrs. whose limousine is chomping up Broadway with private car traffic. When you grab the call it's step on it and to hell with the pedestrian. The rate is cheap, 20 cents a mile. The hound who owns the rig is expecting a minimum of \$15 per night and \$20 over Saturday and Sunday. So you put in the hours, damned long ones, from 4 until 4. And you've got to travel fast. Sometimes you hit somebody. They're down and you're in the can. The insurance fak-

ers don't give you a rumble. They only fight the court suit. The boss is bankrupt or wouldn't help if he could so you borrow or take out of the savings to pay the bondsmen and lawyer. Funny I never thought much about accidents before I went hacking.

**Some Dead Losses.**

Buildings and hotels very often have too many exits and entrances to suit a hackman. Every once in awhile a swell steps in one and out the other leaving his bill in figures on the clock to tell the driver that he can whistle for his money. Here's a better one, yet. A slick and his frail hop in the cab. "Hotel Roosevelt, Buddy." He steps out at the hotel. "Sorry, Buddy, the smallest I've got—change this ten." Forty-five cent fare change for the ten and you're out the tip. The ten "ain't what it ought to be." And a cab driver is always changing bills. (Sometimes you are lucky "in the darkness it is only a tin half dollar, or Canadian quarter that they slip you.")

Iron work is a tough racket, but it's got nothing on hacking. Tires blow quick and often. They are heavy and you sweat to change one when she

blows out. Hack regulations for the use of a side door and denials of an open windshield in bad weather isn't the normal amount of rain, hail or cold that beats through the windshield and open sides against a man's body when the weather is bad. It is any one of the Three Happiness Boys backed up by a wind resistance in the usual 25 miles per hour speed when you're on the fly. You damn soon lose that school boy complexion and the skin you love to touch is unobtainable after a twelve hour battle with cold rain or windstorms.

**How's Your Health.**

The springs on the cab wear down after a few months of bounding over ruts. The kidneys last longer but they finally hit the bumps too and with them goes the stomach so long loaded up on jerky, gulped grub and many shots of rat-gut coffee.

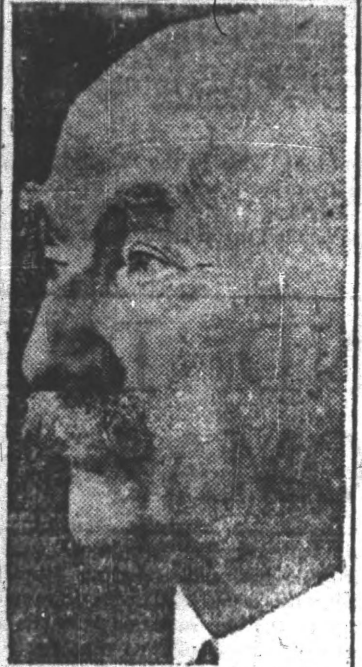
Watching glaring traffic lights takes the steam out of the eyes as does catching cat-naps during the day when it is hard to get used to sleeping while the sun is up. After a few weeks jockeying a cab a guy feels like he needs an overhauling.

# Thomas Hardy: The Peasant Mind -- "He Wrote the Outline of Capitalism's Epitaph."

By A. B. MAGILL.

I SUPPOSE it is proper to speak of Thomas Hardy as the last of the great Victorian writers, though in many ways he was strangely, stubbornly un-Victorian. Yet he was the last literary representative of the period in which the English bourgeoisie, appropriating for itself the technique of the new industrialism, succeeded by means of plunder, murder and astute concessions (when necessary) both at home and abroad, in placing the bloody seal of empire over a larger portion of the globe and a greater number of people than any nation of modern times. It was also the age which saw the rise of Darwinism, which the British bourgeoisie also appropriated for itself while it fed the working class on religious dope and the standard household virtues.

In the swell gathering of well-groomed literary stars Hardy was a lonely, uncaught, inexplicable figure. He didn't belong. Yet so many of these writers, despite their suave exteriors, felt uncomfortable inside, and for a Victorian to feel uncomfortable was the height of agony. Most of them were wrestling with the problem of how to marry Charles Darwin to no less a person than God. Ten-



THOMAS HARDY

nyson made peace with his soul by covering all the sharp points of the new science with highly decorative religio-mystical padding. Browning surgically removed all of God's neu-

roses and made him a sane, athletic intellectual. Thackeray, being a gentleman, conformed, Dickens found salvation in social reform, Swineburne escaped to paganism, Rossetti to medievalism, Wilde and his satellites to estheticism and perversion, and Morris, with his ears to the ground, to social mental guild socialism with medieval trimmings. Only Thomas Hardy accepted the fundamental implications of naturalistic science, and grafting on it a philosophy borrowed from Germany, declared that all life is an ironic tragedy ending in death—"a thwarted purposing." And for many years the voice of Hardy was a voice crying in the wilderness.

Both the prose and poetry of Hardy have many serious defects. It is a mistake to call him an ironist. Most of his ironic effects are the result of crude plot manipulation. And here lies Hardy's great artistic error: he mistook plot for form and plot manipulation for the inevitable workings of ironic fate. "A thinker of crooked thoughts upon Life in the sere," as he once described himself, Hardy wrote solidly and awkwardly, his effects being substantial rather than subtle, and in a style that is as lively

and flexible as that of a college professor of Latin.

And above all, Hardy lacked social understanding. His was the stolid, peasant mind, in so many ways the unawakened, conservative peasant mind, recoiling from a cruel, anti-peasant capitalist industrialism. Turning his back on the outposts of the new age, Hardy saw in "the idyllic of rural life," the hopeless individual tragedies of the English village, the typical and inexorable expression of all life everywhere. It is true he wrote of the life that he knew best, but by constructing a universal philosophy on the basis of what he observed in a decaying English town, he showed the meagreness, the parochiality of his social and intellectual outlook.

Yet with so many important defects and limitations, why is it that Thomas Hardy remains one of the chief English writers of the past hundred years? I have said that his writing was solid and substantial. There was in him the gnarled sober strength of the oak digging deep and intimate roots. In "The Mayor of Casterbridge," for example, in which plot manipulation is particularly obvious, he succeeds in building up slowly an

entire city that has quality of preternatural continuance: it has been and will be always. His style, which is ponderous and latinate, is so only when he is writing formal English. When he reproduces through the mouths of his characters the dialect of his native Wessex, his writing becomes supple and savory and full of the strong simplicity, the richness of folk-speech. Thus the lament of Marty South in "The Woodlanders" is a profoundly beautiful prose poem.

And with all his lack of understanding of the social forces at play about him, Hardy was something of a social rebel and in advance of most of his colleagues. In books like "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" and "Under the Green Wood" he challenged official British respectability, and the British bourgeoisie replied to these mild indictments of its rotting morality by setting upon him its choicest literary bloodhounds.

And perhaps Hardy's greatest contribution was in his role as intellectual pathfinder. He anticipated to a large extent the mood of pessimism and nihilistic despair that has paralyzed the intellectual bourgeoisie of the world throughout most of the

present century and particularly since the World War—a mood that is a significant reflex of the period of the stabilization and collapse of world capitalism. Years before, at a time when world capitalism was impetu-

ously on the ascendant, Thomas Hardy, setting his vision within the limits of a small English town and turning his back on capitalism, cast the eloquent shadow of its doom and wrote the outline of its epitaph.

# An Impression of the New Playwrights Theatre at Work

By DON BROWN

A chorus of sixteen girls in Oriental costumes moves through the rhythms of a sacred dance of the East. An old Lama rones on a platform; a burly Russian Communist with a sense of humor, an American roughneck aviator who admires the machine, an oil explorer and a millionaire's son from Wall Street watch the strange fateful ceremony.

They are hypnotized by the dancing, the chanting, and the Orient, and then they are bound with cords. The East is resisting the imperialistic designs of the West. And then the stage manager yells "curtain," the young curly haired man at the piano rises to stretch his legs, and the scene dissolves into groups of young people chatting and laughing in Americanese.

It is a rehearsal of "The International" at the New Playwrights' Theatre in Commerce street. Every one was busy as I wandered through the compact little arena where five radical young writers have been working this year to establish a modern theatre in New York.

Hard work it is, and about fifty young people are doing it cheerfully, twelve to fifteen hours a day, under the severe discipline of a theatre. As I walked about, it seemed to me strange that so few of the radical workers and intellectuals have fully appreciated the significance of a theatre of this kind in America.

Like all first attempts, it has crudities and immaturities. These crudities, which anyone can spot, seem to have loomed more significant in the eyes of the labor intellectuals than have the virtues of the plays. The workers have not come in big enough crowds to put the theatre as yet on any kind of sound financial basis. But in Soviet Russia the dramatic and literary groups who follow American affairs are hailing this group as the first significant dawn of a new phase in American literature. They say it is the first sign of a revolt

against the pessimism, anarchism and cynicism of the Menckentines and similar groups now holding the American literary scene.

William Gropper, brilliant labor cartoonist, is now in Moscow. He has recently written a letter to the New Playwrights in which he tells them of the recognition their work is receiving over there.

He further sends the news that "The Belt," by Paul Sifton, the first play given by the group this year, is to be produced at one of the large revolutionary theatres in Moscow.

Em Jo Basshe's play, "The Centuries," is also being translated and will likewise find a producer.

Meyerhold, greatest of all the Soviet theatre directors, and recognized all over the world as the leader and pioneer of all that is new in the theatre since Reinhardt, has announced that he will produce "Processional" next year. This is a labor play dealing with a West Virginia mine strike, by John Howard Lawson, one of the New Playwrights.

"Pinwheel," by Francis Edward Farago, another of the group, has

been bought for Reinhardt's Theatre in Vienna, and will soon be produced.

In another field Michael Gold, another director of the theatre, has had a similar experience. His volume of short stories, "The Damned Agitator," was translated and published in Moscow by the State Publishing House, and has sold over 10,000 copies. In America he cannot find a publisher, except the Vanguard Press,

which has offered to print the stories at his own cost.

John Dos Passos, of course, has been extensively translated in Soviet Russia and Germany, and Upton Sinclair, whose "Singing Jailbirds" is to be produced at the New Playwrights later in the season, is the most popular American author among the working masses of Europe and Asia.

There is nothing peculiar about this

lack of recognition by the American bourgeoisie of such radical pioneers in the arts as make up this group. But the radicals should not adopt a similar attitude. It is a part of the cultural task of the revolution to foster such theatres in each country.

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## How Will Green Fight—and Against Whom?

Officials of the New York State Federation of Labor announce a mass meeting to be held at Cooper Union, New York City, on February 5, which it is said "will be part of a comprehensive campaign to promote legislation" against injunctions and against "yellow dog" contracts.

No one who knows the deplorable conditions of the trade union movement in the matters of injunctions, yellow-dog contracts and need of legislation can fail to give serious attention to such announcement, on the face of it. But read further. What will be done about the grave situation complained of?

First: Mr. William Green will be the principal speaker, and all that Green stands for in public life constitutes the real substance behind the move. How will Mr. Green proceed against injunctions? His record shows that Mr. Green's most fundamental "principle" is that of making the labor movement a force supporting the courts which issue injunctions.

How will Mr. Green oppose yellow-dog contracts? His most fundamental "principle" includes the teaching that labor must "cooperate with the employers" and must refrain from all ideas and tendencies of struggle as a class against the capitalist class, and even that labor must (in fact) give up the strike weapon. Consistently with this, Green pursues a policy under which every union agreement would have the character of a yellow-dog contract and the unions themselves would sink to the level of company unions.

How would Mr. Green seek "legislation" against injunctions, etc.? Green's record in this respect is an open, if shameful, book. His platform is to the effect that the working class must not have any representatives of the working class in any legislative hall. His platform is that the workers must support the political parties of the capitalist class, and that he, Mr. Green, shall peddle their votes to one or the other of the two political parties of the capitalist class as sheep are sold to the beef trust. According to the present bureaucracy, all "pro-labor" legislation must be obtained from political representatives of the employing class, and must have no representatives, no party, of their own.

How, then, will the bureaucrats who stand over the prostrate bodies of the trade unions obtain any of these objects which they say they seek in the coming campaign?

They will not fight to obtain any of them.

But there is another explanation of this gesture of the Green bureaucracy. There is nothing new about injunctions, yellow-dog contracts and lack of pro-labor legislation. What is new is that there is beginning in the trade unions a revolt against injunctions, yellow-dog contracts and bankrupt political policy, and against the allies of the bosses who are at the head of the trade union movement—notably Mr. Green himself. The heirs of Samuel Gompers have not all-of-a-sudden begun to fight the capitalist class. They have merely found out that the movement within the trade unions for fighting the capitalist class and the individual employers, and their labor lieutenants, has grown to such a degree that it is necessary to intensify the struggle, not against the employers, but against the left wing in the trade unions.

Second point: The 1928 election is coming, and it is time for Green to begin to round up what sheep he can, so as to peddle their support to one or the other, or both, of the capitalist class parties.

It is indeed time that the workers assemble to fight injunctions, yellow-dog contracts and for pro-labor legislation. But the announced Cooper Union meeting, if Green and his cohorts of professional traitors to labor can control it, will be made a means of leading the workers into such a course as will make them still more helpless before injunctions, yellow-dog contracts and the capitalist state. Green feels the weakening of the credulity of the workers in the treacherous bureaucracy, and he feels he must strengthen his hold with a bluff about fighting for those things which the masses of workers begin to understand they must fight for.

The publicity accompanying this announcement of the opening meeting contains a peculiar piece of Jesuitry in the statement that "all disputes and political differences within the labor movement are being forgotten in the face of this great common danger." These words in Green's mouth can only mean that "political differences" as between the working class and the capitalist class shall be "forgotten" so that Green can profitably play the game of capitalist politics and can betray the working class. It certainly does not mean that the bureaucracy will "forget" its political differences with those who take the working class stand, including the program of a labor party against the capitalist parties. The political differences between Green and the workers can never be forgotten as long as the contemptible agents of the employers and traitors to the labor movement, the Greens, Wolls, Sullivans, Mahons and the rest of them are in control of the official machinery.

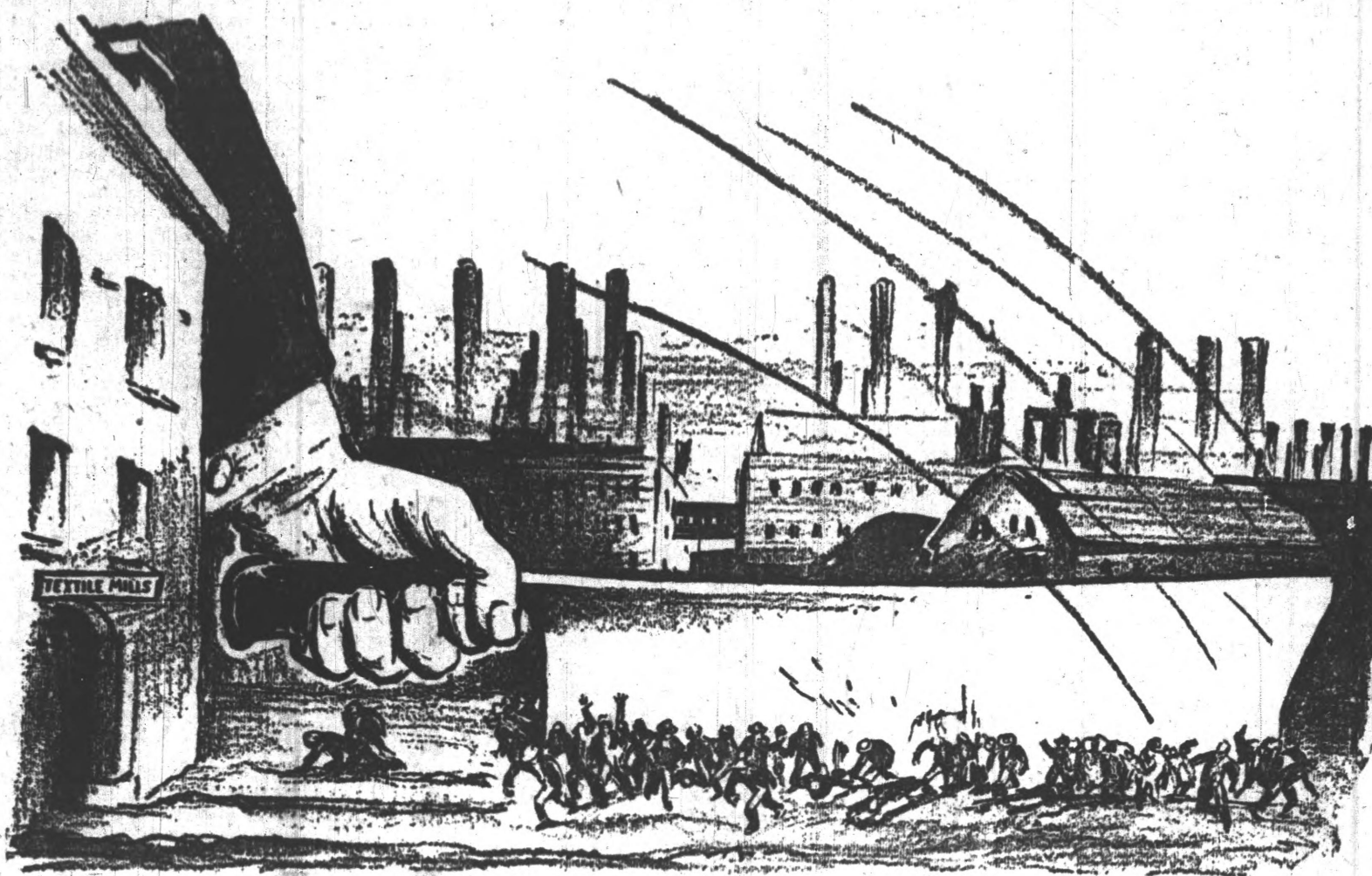
These traitors have no intention of fighting against injunctions in the only effective manner possible, which include wholesale violations of the injunctions and utilizing the fury of the masses who suffer under capitalist class tyranny to organize a labor party against the capitalist parties.

The only force in the labor movement that can successfully fight against this sort of treachery is the left-wing and the vanguard of the whole labor movement, the Workers (Communist) Party, that, instead of uniting with the capitalists, the exploiters of labor and their political parties, takes the lead in a drive to create a labor party, independently of and opposed to the old parties and all their henchmen within and without the labor government.

The first step to the solution of the plight in which the labor movement finds itself is independent political action through a labor party, the organization of the unorganized, the amalgamation of the weak craft unions into powerful industrial unions and a mass defensive along the whole line against the employers. These results will not be achieved nor even worked for by the agents of the employers who are just as guilty as their capitalist masters of the plight in which the labor movement now finds itself—but in spite of these scoundrels and swindlers and against them.

As for the announced campaign against injunctions and yellow-dog contracts and for legislation in labor favor—will the workers take it out of the hands of traitors and make it real?

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## NICARAGUA, PACIFISM AND THE REVEREND NORMAN THOMAS

By WILLIAM W. WEINSTONE.

THE danger of world war is no longer a matter of speculation. The imperialist powers are preparing for war with mad speed. Imperialist rivalries can no longer be concealed under the veil of diplomatic phrases. The struggle between Standard Oil and the Royal Dutch Shell interests for control of the oil resources is approaching an acute stage of open warfare involving the two mightiest imperialist powers of the world—the United States and Great Britain—which means another world war. These oil trusts do not mince words regarding the situation. They declare that the struggle for oil is now a battle which must be fought to the finish.

American imperialism is active on all sides: American marines in Nicaragua, Coolidge in Havana, American battleships in China, the huge armament plans of the Coolidge administration, Lindbergh's tour to Mexico and Central America, the announcement of the new governor of the Philippines, Mr. Stimson, that he will pursue the policy of General Wood, the naval maneuvers in the Pacific—these are not isolated events; they are part of one imperialist chain which shows that American finance capital is determined completely to subjugate Latin-America, in which it now has five billion dollars invested, and to obtain hegemony in the Pacific.

American imperialism is driven to this course by the need for raw materials and new markets and by the necessity of causing a redistribution of the colonies in order to secure fields for the investments of its immense surplus of finance capital. The American imperialists are preparing for war, for they know best that their struggle for the domination of the world's markets and for the export of finance capital cannot be avoided by diplomacy, open or secret, or by disarmament conferences and soft prayer words by President Coolidge. The rivalries must be fought out by a test of military strength such as occurred in the last World War. The diplomats of the imperialists try with fine phrases to gloss over these deep differences between the imperialist powers, but the military men speak right out. Admiral Plunkett knows whereof he speaks when he says American capitalism needs a stronger army and navy.

War may break out at any time. The capitalist class that dominates the government, the press, the churches—all avenues of publicity, deceives the working class and keeps it confused and disorganized in order that it may be taken by surprise and prevented from organizing resistance to mobilization and war. The world is already more an armed camp than it was in 1914. Inflammable antagonisms have accumulated to an extent that the slightest spark may start the conflagration.

At this moment the greatest aid to the bourgeoisie and the greatest enemy to the working class are the pacifists and social patriots—the Greens and Wolls, the Hillquits, the Thomases and the Garrison Villards. These pacifists who stand for the harmony of social interests in the struggle between the working class and the capitalists bring this same

program into the struggles between the imperialists and attempt to harmonize the rivalries by ham proposals of "outlawing war," by the talk of "peace" and "good will" and by the support of such war instruments as the League of Nations, the Pan-American Conference and similar imperialist organizations.

In the last analysis these pacifists talk the same language as the imperialists, who also pose as pacifists. Lloyd George, Woodrow Wilson and Clemenceau conducted the war in order "to bring about a durable peace" and "in order to end war for all time." They deceived the working class with their demagogic slogans in order to get them to sacrifice their lives in the interest of imperialist profits. The pacifists talk the language of peace when all the facts show that the world is nearer to war than ever before and hoodwink and blindfold the masses and keep them tied to the chariot of the imperialists.

Rev. Thomas Aids Deceit. This despicable role played by the pacifists is well brought out in the columns of the "New Leader" of January 14 in the discussion by Norman Thomas of some phases of the present war situation. Thomas endorses the resolution of Senator Capper in the United States senate that calls for the "outlawing of war." He greets the efforts of Secretary Kellogg to form a treaty with France for the "outlawing of war." Even a child knows today, after the experience of the World War, the vicious Versailles peace treaty, the interminable series of disarmament conferences, that such peace treaties form the basis for new combinations for waging a victorious struggle against competing groups of imperialist nations, that the proposed peace treaty with France is intended as a weapon against Great Britain, and at the same time they are hypocritical maneuvers of the imperialist statesmen to deceive the masses as to the actual war preparation of the American government.

Referring to Nicaragua, Norman Thomas declares that "our marines should be ordered immediately to stop any offensive against Sandino and arrangements should be made for their withdrawal—at least as soon as the new elections have been held." Under the guise of pacifism he is furnishing Wall Street bankers with the very best reason for maintaining the American marines in Nicaragua and keeping that strategic country under their control. Elections guarded by the bayonets of the American marines mean elections of such puppets as Diaz and Moncado and the continuation of the rule of Finance Capital and Big Business. Surely the American bankers and the imperialists can welcome this proposal to withdraw the marines after everything is settled harmoniously for them, which means after the marines have crushed Sandino's resistance, murdered the best fighters for Nicaragua's independence, executed thousands of workers and peasants, jailed masses of others and established a hired mercenary native constabulary with American battleships near enough at any time to resume the terror. Then indeed American imperialism can announce "All is peaceful in Nicaragua" with the same cynical brutality as the czar after 1905 announced "All is quiet in Warsaw."

This liberal and socialist parliamentarian who believes that parliamentary elections are the road to the salvation of the working class does not see the elections carried out with American army forces on the spot are only a farce to fool the workers in America and in Nicaragua.

An Imperialist View.

Why not elections by the Nicaraguan people without the presence of American marines or the intervention of the armed forces of any imperialist power? Are not the Nicaraguan people capable of solving their own affairs or does Mr. Thomas believe them to be a "backward people incapable of self-government." This proposal of Norman Thomas smacks of the familiar "White Man's Burden" argument of all imperialists. It shows that he has the same conceptions regarding the Nicaraguan Central American, Chinese, Hindu and all other oppressed peoples as do the imperialists who argue that they assume the "burden" of maintaining their armed forces in these countries for the benefit of these same oppressed masses.

Sandinista is struggling against Diaz, the president of Nicaragua appointed by Wall Street, who is kept in power only by the armed forces of American imperialism. The Nicaraguan people can be free only when they unite with the other oppressed peoples of Latin-America and with the world proletariat, to drive the imperialist forces from power and establish a government that rests upon the armed power of the Nicaraguan working class and peasants, supported by their allies, the workers and peasants of the world.

Betray Class Struggle. Norman Thomas and the pacifists

fail to raise the banner of such struggle but with cringing stupidity and with social patriotic arguments: they in the last analysis take the position of the Coolidges and the Kelloggs. The bourgeoisie has a thousand tricks (many more than they need) to catch the middleheads. These petty bourgeois liberals are ready to leap at any glittering phrase and bite at the smallest bait thrown out to catch them. They share and spread the imperialist ideology. A social patriots they gladly do the dirty work of the imperialists and the most willing collaborators in this work are the Norman Thomases, the Hillquits and the Villards.

The most ruthless exposure of the imperialist role of the liberals and pacifists is necessary in order that a successful fight against the imperialists can be carried on. Only by tearing the veil of liberalism and "impartiality" from the patriots and reformers of the type of Thomas, only by the most merciless struggle against the socialist party and the labor bureaucrats, who conceal their alliance with imperialism by misleading phrases, can the working class prepare for the real struggle against the imperialists and imperialist war and bring real support to the struggle for Nicaraguan liberation, for the emancipation of the Chinese people, for the defense of the Soviet Union, and against the iron ring which the imperialists of all countries are trying to fasten around the first Workers' and Peasants' Republic. This task the Workers (Communist) Party is carrying on, as demonstrated at the huge meeting in Madison Square Garden. This task the entire membership must fulfill with the most intensive effort.

## GREETINGS SENT "DAILY"

### Message From the Jewish Communists

Editor, THE DAILY WORKER: The National Bureau of the Jewish Section of the Workers (Communist) Party, together with the editorial staffs of the "Freiheit" and "Hammer" send the heartiest greetings on the fourth anniversary of our leading central organ, the only Communist daily in the world in the English language, THE DAILY WORKER.

THE DAILY WORKER has been for the last four years the champion of the struggles of the American working class.

THE DAILY WORKER is the only labor paper in English which carries on the struggle against American imperialism and against the employers and the treachery of the labor bureaucracy which have with their policy of class-collaboration brought the American labor movement to a point of destruction.

Though the language press is one of the important weapons in the struggle of the American working class, we realize that it is our utmost duty to strengthen and build THE DAILY WORKER into a mass organ that leads and centralizes the struggles of all the sections of the American working class.

It will be the most appropriate greeting to the fourth anniversary of our leading organ to pledge ourselves to help realize the aims of the Party to build THE DAILY WORKER into

a Communist mass organ. National Bureau Jewish Section. Workers (Communist) Party. Editorial Staff, Freiheit and Hammer.

Editor, DAILY WORKER: I was to the old Labor Temple, 227 1/2 Yamhill St., Portland, Ore., last night and the night before to hear one of the best, if not the very best, labor speakers I've heard in thirty years: Ben Gitlow, Communist from New York City.

He took as his subject the first night, "Coolidge Prosperity and Working Class Misery" and the next night, "The Workers' and Peasants' Revolution in China."

The hall was crowded on both occasions, even though twenty-five cents admission was charged; the audience on both nights contributed liberally when the hat was passed around, some giving five dollars bills.

He explained Communism so thoroughly that even a Missourian could grasp the idea. He surely made the audience laugh heartily when he mentioned the million women's names in the petition to President Coolidge for "peace." Kai told them they could add his name to the list. The floor was open for questions and five minute discussions both nights.

I am sure that thousands will join the Communist Party on this occasion.

By Fred Ellis

# SPARKS from the NEWS

THERE is a sweeping movement of mergers and consolidations in American industry. In fact it is now safe to say that practically all of American trade is passing into the hands of big combines.

A half billion oil merger has just been announced. A two hundred million bank merger is being planned in San Francisco. A huge coal combination involving 30 corporations with an output of 30 million tons, is being organized in Virginia and West Virginia. Tremendous consolidations involving hundreds of millions of dollars are taking place among the public utility organizations.

These mergers are of immeasurable significance for the American workers. Only the blind or the traitorous of the type of Green, Woll, Hillquit, Berger and Company, can either fail to see these events or refuse to prepare against them.

As against the gigantic corporations of American capital, we have today the archaic, long out-of-date, backward craft organizations of labor. Small wonder that these are being wiped out. If the present tendency continues as shown in the conditions of the United Mine Workers of America, Mr. Green, Mr. Woll, Mr. Noonan and the rest of the comfortable heroes now enjoying themselves in Miami, Florida, will very soon be openly working as personnel managers of big corporations. They will be labelled, of course, as leaders of trade unions which are mere employment bureaus to supply docile, obedient, efficient workers.

While big capital moves forward, Green is moving backward. That's the essence of union-management co-operation.

And that's the price we pay—wage cuts, lengthened hours, smashed unions, injunctions, lockouts and war.

—JAY LOVESTONE.

## "Prosperity"

By M. RENUD.

"Join the army," was the reply given to me by a parasitic looking fat man in charge of the State Employment Bureau, of whom I have in vain begged for work for several weeks.

Our generous patriarchy are maintaining an extensive office, feeding a number of politicians and soft job individuals, but no effort is being made by them to provide employment for starving workers, who face cold and hunger.

To make matters look fine everyone applying for work is registered and subjected to a regular cross-examination.

Among the questions are: Are you a member of some club or party; are you a citizen; were you ever jailed; have you ever taken charity? etc.

After you finally survive the inquisition, you are told to move on, "nothing open," and given the opportunity of viewing the attractive display in the window telling about the wonderful things the army offers.

Throughout the day there are seen bands of men, upon whose faces there is inscribed the grim sign of starvation, hopelessness and tragedy.

The more fortunate ones return to their homes, others, the homeless and destitute, wander down to the Bowery and Zero's, seeking shelter and protection from the brutal wave of cold, only to find an inscription, "All filled up to capacity."

At night the Salvation Army gets busy; into its dirty halls along the world's renewed trail of wretchedness, there flock men, to warm their frozen bodies, but in return for their religious exaltation, they are not given bread but thrown out into the gutter.

Come at night to the Bowery, and what you will see will surpass your imagination. Under the dim lights and the noise of the elevated, there are seen dark shadows like phantoms, wandering, where, why?

Into the unknown and the darkness, they stream, ever increasing in number, to await another day of endless suffering and torture.

This is prosperity, our fathers have decreed; they in the palatial mansions, leading a life of bloody exploitation, knowing but of leisure and prosperity.

But to the hundreds of thousands of unemployed, it is a period barely survived, it brings them near the verge of inevitable starvation for themselves and their dependents.

In the near future. It is the only thing left for the working class to emancipate themselves from wage-slavery.

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